Clovers to…

It was a busy day at the West Central Regional 4-H Energizer on January 26th! We had 350 people attend and Ray County was represented by: Vicki Squires & Kim Zimmerman of Clever Clovers 4-H; Sandy Burns, Jacob, Jayson & Rebecca Singletary, Lauren, Courtney & Tracie Twyman of Orrick 4-H; & Genevieve, Georgia & Shanon Keighley of Olde Tyme 4-H. Ask them about it!

Ray County 4-H Happenings

BINGO!!! BINGO!!!-----
Come join in the fun with the Orrick 4-H Club! They have invited everyone to join them for “A Snack Dinner & Bingo” Saturday evening, March 2nd at the Orrick Lions Club in Orrick MO. The proceeds will be donated to the Ray County Fair for fair support!
Doors open at 5:30PM and “Bingo” starts at 6:00PM! They will have “for purchase": Chili/Soup/Hot Dogs/Nachos & Desserts. 12 games of Bingo will be played & each with the prize of a Wal-Mart gift card will be awarded. Bingo will cost 50 cents per card.
Come enjoy the good food, fun & fellowship!

4-H FUNDRAISER---
The Ray County 4-H Council “fundraiser this year” will be the Price Chopper coupon books and Sonic cards. Each member is required to sell $25 for the 4-H Council & whatever you sell over that amount goes back to your 4-H club.
The funds raised helps to partially sponsor 4-H trips, leader opportunities, 4-H Banquet and other 4-H functions and expenses. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!
4-H MOVE ACROSS MO-2013 5th Year---
(MOVE), program promotes physical activity &
encourages young people to engage in a broad
range of activities. Online system, 4-H members
families log the number of minutes they spend
doing things they enjoy, ex: walking, biking,
running, etc. Sign up: as a team or individual. Must
re-enroll every year & the kick off began January
1st. Awards will be provided. MOVE’s sponsor is
the Missouri Beef Industry Council”. Details-
http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

ORSCHELN OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Member Discount Cards are available if you
need one stop in and pick one up.

Club Fundraiser or Exhibits--If your 4-H Club
would like to have a fundraiser at the store in
Richmond please contact them or if the club would
like to “show off” members projects on a weekend.
Contact Gary @ Orscheln’s-776-5913.

CAMP DATES

Mark your calendars for---the 2013 4-H
Camp on June 11-13 at Camp Bob White. Camp
forms will be available starting March 1st.

CAMP COUNSELORS

Camp Counselors---would you like to be
one? We are looking for youth ages 13-18 to serve
in this role and no previous camp experience is
required. Camp Counselor applications are due on
March 18th.

If interested you must also attend Camp Counselor
Training on April 6th in Warrensburg.

Counselor apps will be available, starting
March 1st, maybe sooner, if interested call.

LEADER INFORMATION

PROJECT LEADERS

Does your club have all of your volunteer
leaders signed up? Whatever projects you have
listed there needs to be a leader signed as that
project leader. Volunteers will not be recognized
until the record check process is completed.
Volunteers will receive a postcard of notification in
writing.

ON-LINE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All 4-H volunteer leaders must complete a one-time
Volunteer Orientation. New 4-H volunteers MUST
complete this orientation by January 1, 2013.
http://mo4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/
volunteer/application.htm

You will not be able to work with 4-H youth or sign 4-
H paperwork of any kind until you have completed the
training.

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2013, thanks to generous donor support, the MO 4-H Foundation will offer 58 college
scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). Current
seniors & former 4-Hers who are in college are
eligible to apply. Guidelines & application available
at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition Or
contact the Extension Center for the application.
They are due in the Extension Center: March 28th.

Check out the list of scholarships on the 4-H
scholarship website and apply! The scholarship
application format is almost identical to the 4-H
Missouri Recognition Form (MRF) format. If you
complete the MRF form, you’ve completed most of
the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

HOST FAMILIES

Would you like to host someone from Japan? You
can provide a home stay for Japanese youth ages
12-16 that arrive July 24 and depart August 19. We
need sibling of same gender and within 2 years of
Japanese youth. We prefer that a regular routine
be maintained by your family so they have a “USA
family experience” – it is ok to provide special
close for them but not necessary or required.

If you are interested, contact Joyce Taylor
at TaylorJL@missouri.edu or 573-882-6393.

SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY PROJECT

Join us at the Ray County fairgrounds in
Richmond on Saturday, March 2nd at 8:30 AM
for the County Shooting Sports. Hopefully the
weather will be good enough to shoot.
LEADER CERTIFICATION

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification will be held: **April 5-7, 2013** at Camp Jo Ota, Clarence MO. Class size is limited in so register early.

Optional NRA Instructor Certification is available – additional $50 fee – begins at noon on Friday, April 5th. **NRA class registration due to State office by March 15.** Forms/details available from the 4-H website: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports)

The registration fee is $65. The 4-H Council & Shooting Sports will jointly pay for you to attend. You must register by **March 15th**. If you register and do not attend or follow through with the project---your family will need to repay the fee.

EQUINE NEWS

HORSE COMMITTEE

The Ray County Horsemanship Committee will meet **Monday, February 4th, 7pm** at the Extension Center in Richmond. We will make plans for the horsemanship year.

HORSE FORMS

The Horse ID Forms will be due in the office by **MAY 1st**. You must get copies of the form from either your horsemanship leader or the 4-H office. The state copy is not the correct one. Faxed copies “are not” accepted, so plan ahead!

HORSE CLINIC

Mark your calendars for a clinic on **Saturday, April 6th, 12noon-5PM** at the Ray County Fairgrounds in Richmond. Final details next month.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

STEER WEIGH IN

The Ray County Steer Weigh-In will be on **Saturday, March 2nd from 1:30-2:30 pm** at the fairgrounds in Richmond. You MUST weigh in on this date----if you plan to sell a steer at the Ray County Fair or plan to show at the MO State Fair. **Steers must weigh 1100 pounds** by fair time in July in order to potentially sell.

2013--RAY COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES

Ray County Fair will be: July 13 – 20, 2013

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In order to sell livestock you must be a: Ray County 4-H member (8 -19 years old) or a Ray County FFA member and a Ray County resident.

HAMS---

Country Cured Hams will check in on **Saturday, July 13, 2013** from 12noon-1PM.

The judging of the hams will begin at 2:00PM. The Ham Breakfast will be on Tuesday morning, **July 16th at 6:30 AM**.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H or FFA member that owns the ham or animal, that might sell, to contact potential buyers.

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EAR TAGS:

Will be determined by March 1st as to the process of how they will be ear tagged.

GOATS:

Meat goats can be wethers (castrated male) or female kids of any meat goat breed (i.e. Boer) or crossbred (i.e. dairy goat wether). Meat goats must have kid teeth in normal position. Meat Goats must weigh **50–110 pounds to sell**. There will not be Dairy Buck classes or Pygmy Goat classes at the 2013 Ray County Fair.
BEEF: 
Market steers must weigh 1100 pounds in order to qualify to sell.

SWINE: 
Market hogs can ONLY be shown once. 
Ex: You cannot show them in a Gilt Class and then show the same animal in the Market Class. 
You cannot show the same animal twice.

Prepared by: Ray County Fairboard Livestock Committee

OTHER 2013 LIVESTOCK DETAILS 
Please watch for more details in the March newsletter for other livestock details with the show schedule.

Club Reports

Millville 4-H Club met January 2nd with 24 members present. Project leaders were reminded to get their projects started soon. The club discussed making a donation to the Millville Church for the use of their building. Ham Curing will be on January 17th. Clover Kids will be meeting on January 8th.

The club met December 5th for their Christmas Party with 45 members present. Gift donations were collected for the Shirkey’s. The club will go caroling at Shirkey’s on December 9th.

The club met on November 7th with 40 members present. Member & Volunteer Leader pins were handed out for completing the year. Club collected final enrollment forms & 4-H dues. Ben & CJ Dane gave an arts & craft demonstration.

Next Meeting: 2/6 Ben Dana, Reporter

Lawson 4-H Club met on January 3rd with 18 members present. The club discussed community service projects for 2013. The club will help a 4-H family to help get them to meetings. Reminder that for shooting sports must have your safety card with you. West Central Energizer is January 26th at Delta Wood Middle School in Lee’s Summit. Move Across Missouri enrollment should be completed. Ham project is on January 17th @ the Vo-Ag Bldg in Richmond.

Next Meeting:2/7 Logan Vermillion, Reporter

Clever Clovers 4-H Club met January 10th with 33 members present. The club discussed the projects that need leaders. Club will set up a CPR class for members in the spring. We will also have a 4-H display for the Excelsior Springs Library this summer.

Kaitlyn Zimmerman presented a horse demonstration.

The club met December 7th with 21 members present. The club met at the Excelsior Springs Nursing & Rehabilitation Center for a short meeting and members & parents went caroling through the center for the residents. After caroling the club went shopping for our Adopted Christmas Family.

Next Meeting:2/12/13 Brennan Squires, Reporter

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met January 8th with 28 members present. The club discussed their fundraiser. “Bob Korn”, the popcorn people will attend the February 12th meeting. We will be making Valentine cards for the Lawson Manor Nursing Home.

The club bought the bench for Lawson Manor and we delivered it to them on December 30th. We will have a crafts day & welcome all clubs and will accomplish some project items for the fair. Talked about the Christmas Party that everyone enjoyed!

The club met December 11th with 22 members present. We will deliver the bench to Lawson Manor on December 30th. The club made 70 fleece bags for the Watkins Mill Home for Kids. We filled them with candy, toothbrush, water bottles, pencils & note pads. With the leftover fleece we made scarfs & ear warmers for the coat & hat drive for the Lawson High School. Club talked about fundraisers: Pizza Ranch or selling popcorn. Christmas Party will be December 29th with cotton candy, bounce house & lots more fun. RSVP by 12/21. Garett Black gave a Black Powder demonstration.

Next Meeting: 2/12 Colby Anderson, Reporter

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met January 10th with 27 members present. The new club t-shirt design was voted on. Each member will receive one. The members collected 50 non-perishable foods for Salvation Army as a community service project. Horse project will meet at Janet’s 1/12. Hippology & Horse Bowl project reports were given. Alan Dreves from the Ray County Health Dept. will present a program on food safety at the next meeting.

The club met December 13th with 26 members present. The purchase of new t-shirts was approved & we will order in January. Orschen’s discount cards were passed out. Mud Run will be April 27th. Members brought canned food items to donate to Salvation Army. For community service: each member needs to have 4 hours of community service by June 1st. Members played a Christmas mystery gsae & winners received prizes. Projects reporting were: horsemanship & shooting sports.

Next meeting: 2/14 Blake Logsdon, Reporter
Dale-Patton 4-H Club met January 15th with 6 members exchanging gifts & having a Christmas Party. Ray Count Fair is having a difficult time meeting expenses so ask for suggestions on ways to make money. A talk was given on Dale-Patton & Salvation Army, in regards to the bell-ringing history. Ham Curing will be on 1/17. 4-H Council will meet on 1/26.

Next Meeting: 2/17/13  Emily Martens, Reporter

FOURCAST

FEBRUARY
2  County Shooting Sports, 8:30 am, Richmond
4  County Horse Committee, 7PM, Richmond
11 Lincoln’s Birthday, Holiday
14  Happy Valentine’s Day!
18  President’s Day, Office Closed
24  Regional Hippology/Horse Bowl Contest, Eagleton Center, 2PM, Richmond

MARCH
1-20 4-H Fundraiser
2  County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond
2  Steer Weigh-In, 1:30-2:30PM, Fairgrounds, Richmond
15  SS Leader Registration DUE
14-17 KC 4-H Global Summit, Kansas City
16  State Horse Judging, Columbia
17  Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
25  4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond
28  State 4-H Scholarships DUE

April 5-7 Shooting Sports Leader Certification

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