Clovers to…

Kaitlyn Zimmerman of Clever Clovers 4-H advanced on to state for National 4-H Congress selection from the NW Region.

Maria Megacheva, Carson & Rhonda Luther of Lawson 4-H presented a “Global Connections” workshop at the NW Regional Energizer.

The NW Regional 4-H Energizer that was held on January 25th had 250 people attend. Ray County attendees & clubs were: Maria Megacheva, Carson & Rhonda Luther of Lawson; Genevieve, Georgia & Shanon Keighley/ Piper, Tinley, Cade & Shelly Killingsworth/ Christian, Jordan, Sierra, Zoey, April & Steve Bush/ Grace, Geena & Jennifer Black of Olde Tyme; Rance & Alexa Waigand of Millville; Kaitlyn & Kim Zimmerman of Clever Clovers; Trent Logsdon, Sandy Burns & Gwen Gilbow of Guys & Gals. Ask them about it!

Ray County 4-H Happenings

4-H FUNDRAISER---
The Ray County 4-H Council “fundraiser” will be the Price Chopper coupon books and/or Sonic cards. Or clubs can select their own method of fundraising. Requirements are: each member is to sell $25 for the 4-H Council. Fundraiser will run February 4 – March 14. The funds raised help to partially sponsor: 4-H trips, Ray County Fair, leader opportunities, 4-H Banquet and other 4-H functions and expenses. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A 4-H MEMBER:
4-H is like a lot of things...you get out of it what you put into it!
Know the pledge and the motto. Be able to explain it.
Stay informed: of club and county happenings. Read your newsletter. 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 leaders & Project leaders—don’t wait for them to call you.
When a project leader holds a meeting, BE there.
Actively look for opportunities to help out and to lead.
Do at least one prepared speech or demonstration at the club level.
Take part in at least one non-fair 4-H function outside of the club.
CAMP DATES
Mark your calendars for 4-H Camp on June 10-12 at Camp Bob White. Camp forms will be available starting March 1st.

CAMP COUNSELORS
Would you like to be a Camp Counselor? We are looking for leaders, 13-18 years old, to serve in this role and no previous camp experience is required. Camp Counselor applications are due on March 20th.

If interested you must attend the Camp Counselor Training on April 5th in Warrensburg. Counselor apps are available, if interested call.

LEADER INFORMATION

PROJECT LEADERS
Hopefully projects are underway! 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, 2014. 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 LOCK-IN
Come for a night of fun with games, sports, movies, and leadership fun! Livingston County 4-H Council is sponsoring this event for teens.

Where: Chillicothe YMCA
When: February 21-22, 11 pm—6 am
Registration: $10 by 2/19 OR later $15 or at door http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

Who: NW Region 4-H members: grade 6 and up
Bring: athletic clothes, appropriate swimsuit, games & movies.

Mail or bring fee & health form to: MU Extension, 2881 Grand Dr., Suite 2, Chillicothe, MO 64601
For more information call 660-646-0811 or email murphyse@missouri.edu and (day of event only: 660-973-3444).

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2014, 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 27th.

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 23 and depart August 18. We need sibling of same gender and within 2 years of the Japanese youth. Prefer that a regular routine be maintained by your family so they have a family experience” — it is ok to provide special travel 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, February 1st and March 1st at 8:30 AM** for the County Shooting Sports. Hopefully the weather will cooperate!

LEADER CERTIFICATION
The State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification is: **March 28-30, 2014** at Camp Jo Ota, Clarence MO. Class size is limited so register early!

Forms/details available at 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 1st**. If you register and do not attend or follow through with the project---your family will need to repay the fee.

EQUINE NEWS

HORSE FORMS
The Horse ID Forms will be due in the office by **MAY 1st**. You must get copies of the horse 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!

LIVESTOCK NEWS

2014--RAY COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES

In order to sell livestock you must be: a Ray County resident and a Ray County 4-H or FFA member.

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

Ray County Fair: **July 11 – 19, 2014**

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EAR TAGS:
Fair livestock committee will tag animals.

GOATS:
Meat goats can be wethers or female kids of any meat goat breed (i.e. Boer) or crossbred (i.e. dairy goat). 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.

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.

BEEF:
Market steers must weigh **1100 pounds** in order to qualify to sell.

Prepared by: Ray County Fairboard Livestock Committee

OTHER 2014 LIVESTOCK DETAILS

Please watch for more details in the March newsletter for other livestock details with the show schedule.

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met January 9th with 19 members present. 2014 Equine Career Tour was discussed on scholarships the club will award for the ones wanting to attend it. There will be a committee to set up & update the by-laws of the club.

The club met December 12th with 22 members present. President, Aaron Shanks reminded club members on the requirements to complete the 4-H year. Equine Tour is scheduled for May 20-26, details were given. Claudia Spooner presented the program on the Wright Flight of Missouri, Inc. She explained what & how the program works. Kids learn about aviation history and career opportunities. The club was asked to assist with the fundraiser dinner & auction. The club
was to discuss at their January meeting. Aaron Shanks & Blake Logsdon reported on the 4-H Team Building & Officer training. Both of them learned new things.

Next meeting: 2/13/14  Blake Logsdon, Reporter

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met January 14th with 52 members present. Pledges were led by the foods preservation group. The club discussed their fundraiser. Christmas party was a blast! We had cotton candy, pizza & sub sandwiches. Door prizes were given. MOVE Across Missouri has started. Please keep track of your activities. Global Conference is march 13-14, Grace Black attended last year and really like it. They plan to attend conference this year along with Piper & Tinley Killingsworth. Projects reporting were: Clover Kids, clothing & foods preservation.

The club met December 10th with 34 members present. Making sure all enrollments were in & dues paid to be in good standing. Ham deposits are due 1/3. Christmas Party is 1/4/14 at the Lawson High School. Please bring soda & finger snacks. Club will now be meeting at the UCPC church in Lawson. Watkins Mills gift bags are sewn & ready to be stuffed--made 70 bags.

The club met October 14th with 32 members present. Pledges were led by banquet attendees. Geneieve reported on the Homecoming Parade. Piper reported on the Meet & Greet Cookout. Carlos reported on the banquet. New officers were installed: President—Jayla Jones, Vice President—Corbyn Boyer, Secretary—Grace Black, Treasurer—Geena Black. Lawson Fire & Rescue gave a talk about fire safety and making sure everyone has an evacuation plan set up. Reminders: shooting sports safety class, volunteer training & setup committee for Christmas Party. (I apologize as I left this one out of newsletter earlier. NancyC)

Next Meeting: 2/11/14 Colby Anderson, Reporter

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met December 1st with 5 members exchanging gifts & having a Christmas Party. Sonic cards were passed out for fundraiser. Club members rang the bell for Salvation Army at Walmart.

Next Meeting: Emily Martens, Reporter

FOURCAST

FEBRUARY

1  County Shooting Sports, 8:30 am, Richmond
3  4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond
14  Happy Valentine’s Day!
17  President’s Day, Office Closed

MARCH

1  County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond
13-14  KC Global Careers, Kansas City
15  State Horse Judging, Columbia
17  Happy St. Patrick’s Day!
24  4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond
27  State 4-H Scholarships DUE
28  Last Day to Change Projects
28-30  Shooting Sports Leader Certification

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