The Ray County Fourcast

“A NEWSLETTER FOR RAY COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES”
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Ray County 4-H Happenings

4-H BANQUET—“4-H MARDI GRAS”

COME & CELEBRATE—the 2014 4-H Achievements of outstanding 4-H members, leaders & friends on Saturday, October 4th, 6:00 p.m. at Eagleton Center, 1015 W. Royle Street in Richmond.

Club responsibilities: Setup/Decorate: Saturday, 12:30PM—Clever Clovers, Guys & Gals, Olde Tyme and Orrick. Food Prep: 5:15pm, Saturday evening—Central, Dale-Patton, Millville & Lawson and Cleanup—ALL clubs, 2 families per club. Each club needs to contribute $10.00 in door prizes. 4-H Council will provide: pulled pork, table service and drink. Families need to bring 2 dishes—salads/vegetables/casseroles or dessert. Please make your reservations by September 22nd.

Clovers to...

Missouri State Fair---The 4-H Building at the MSF had a total of 3906 exhibits on display. Ray County 4-H had 67 members exhibit at the MSF. 4-H Building exhibitors were: Colby Anderson, Calvin Basham, Kerri Basham, Corbynn Boyer, Abby Burton, Sierra Bush, Amanda Diebold, Sherri Doss, Aspen Erskine, Mikayla Giles, Emily Henderson, Jayla Jones, Genevieve Keighley, Victoria Killingsworth, Blake Logsdon, Carson Luther, Kassie McGinnis, Alisha Milligan, Jadelyn O’Dell, Tiffany Parker, Ariel Propes, Allie Renfro, Zane Renfro, Julia Reynolds, Marissa Roberts, Paige Roberts, Jodi Robinson, Natalie Schnetzler, Daylea Shaner, Gavin Skillman, Brennan Squires, Ashley Stewart, Zach Stewart, Lauren Twyman, Chandler Wheeler, Spencer Wheeler and Cara Wyse.

4-H Demonstrations: Ashley Stewart & Zach Stewart.


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NEW 4-H YEAR

The new 4-H year begins on September 1st, so it’s time to think about re-enrollment! All leaders need to complete the volunteer application forms for 2015. All 4-H leader & member forms need to be turned in by December 1st. Clubs may turn them in earlier if the forms are completed. All project materials will need to be purchased for leaders & members by clubs or individual families. Project books are purchased at MU publications.

4-H AMBASSADORS

The 4-H Ambassador interviews will be Sunday, September 14, 2014 starting at 2pm at the Extension Center in Richmond. Interviews will be on first arrival basis and you may leave after the interview. Candidates must be present for the interview and you must be present at the 4-H Banquet to receive the award. Applications are due September 9th.

MISSOURI 4-H DUES INCREASE

From the desk of ----Dr. Ina Linville, Missouri State 4-H Program Director:

"Missouri 4-H is committed to bringing children the opportunities and quality programs that one expects from 4-H. To ensure this, we have reviewed the costs for program development and delivery, cost saving, and program fees. Starting January 1, 2015, state membership dues will be $20. In order to make this change smooth for currently enrolled families, we will accept the 2014 rate of $8 per youth through December 31, 2014." While we realize that there is no convenient time for an increase, the state membership fee has not changed in 14 years.

Quite simply, we are convinced the dues increase is an investment in our members, by our members. As part of University of Missouri Extension, we are committed to the youth of Missouri. Ninety-six percent of the cost to deliver the 4-H program is paid for by taxpayers, grants and gifts. We want all our 4-H families to know we are dedicated to providing the best program. As we all go through this transition period, we ask each of you to partner with us in creating a positive environment positive environment for all our 4-H members.

NEW 4-H ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

Missouri 4-H will be changing enrollment systems for the 2014-15 4-H enrollment year. The current ACCESS 4-H system will no longer be supported from National 4-H so changes had to occur. The announcement that National 4-H would not support ACCESS 4-H was made mid-June which has put the State 4-H Center in the position of making changes quickly. Due to these required changes, the enrollment process will be slightly delayed. The major change is that all families will be required to do their enrollments online. There is not much more information available at this time to share, but we did want you to be aware of the pending changes. As soon as we have more information, we will make sure to share it with you.

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H week is October 5-11, 2014. The theme this year is “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”. At your September Community Club meeting: plan to promote 4-H in some way during National 4-H Week in your community.

4-H CELEBRATION

Celebrate----National 4-H Week by wearing your favorite 4-H shirt to school on Monday October 6th. Maybe your teacher would let you share with your class about 4-H & your 4-H projects. If you would like some 4-H promotional flyers--please contact the office.

LEADER INFORMATION

Discover the Clover

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION TRAINING

As the new 4-H year starts don’t forget that all new leaders, or returning leaders who have not yet completed the Volunteer Orientation must do so before they can start their project work for the year. A face to face training will be held on December 8th, 6:45 – 9:00 PM at the Extension Center in Richmond.
All 4-H volunteer leaders must complete a one-time Volunteer Orientation. You can complete the Volunteer Orientation online. **You are not to be working with 4-H youth or sign 4-H paperwork of any kind until you have completed the training.** Go to http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteering/online/index.html

### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The 2015 Ray County Shooting Sports project will begin on **September 6th,** 8:30 am at the fairgrounds in Richmond. We will start the year now and hope for better weather than we had last year! 4-H members can sign up and also practice if your discipline leaders are present. **But---You MUST have your safety certification before you can shoot. **Shooting Sports will meet the first Saturday of each month, unless it falls on a holiday weekend.

"4-H Safety Class" will be **December 5th from 6-9PM & December 6th, from 9am - 12noon.** Please notify new families so they are aware of this because members have to have this class in order to shoot.

All members will need **10 hours** (6 hours have to be completed at the monthly shooting sports meetings) to qualify for county/state shooting sports. **Members also must maintain their shooting log and turn it in when you register for county & state shoots.**

"NO LOG” ---you do not shoot!

### LEADER SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION

The fall "Shooting Sports Leader Certification" will be **October 3-5** at Blue Mtn Camp near Fredericktown MO. For full details---http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm Must register by **September 10th.** Disciplines fill quickly so the later you register the less chance of getting the discipline needed.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....If your club has members in shooting sports the club must have at least one leader certified.** The trainings are only offered in the fall and spring of each year. **COST: $65- includes 5 meals, overnight lodging and workshop materials.**

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**Club Reports**

Club Reports need to be turned in by the “27th of the month” in order to be assured of getting printed in the monthly 4-H Newsletter.

### 2015 FAIR DATES

July 10 - 18 Ray County Fair  
August 13 - 23 Missouri State Fair  
Correct date--MSF is a week later in 2015.

### RAY COUNTY EXTENSION CENTER  
OFFICE HOURS  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM–12 Noon & 1:00–4:00 PM  
Closed for Lunch: 12–1PM

### FOURCAST

**SEPTEMBER**

1 Labor Day (Office Closed)  
6 County Shooting Sports, 8:30 a.m., Richmond  
9 Ambassador Applications Due  
13 State Fashion Revue, Columbia  
14 4-H Ambassador Interviews, 2PM, Richmond  
20-21 State Shooting Sports, Columbia  
22 4-H Council, Richmond, 7:00 PM  
Banquet Reservations DUE

### OCTOBER**

3-5 Shooting Sports Certification, Fredericktown  
4 State Public Speaking, Columbia  
4 County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond  
4 **4-H Banquet, 6:00 PM, Richmond**  
5-11 National 4-H Week  
13 Columbus Day, Office Closed  
25&26 Annual Campout/Trail Ride, Rohlfs Farm