Clovers to…

**Jacob Steele of Clever Clovers** in Level II Missouri Report Forms placed in the top 3. He receives a Teen Conference scholarship! Way to Go Jacob!

**The NW Regional 4-H Energizer that was held on January 24**th had 250 people attend. Ray County attendees & clubs were: LAWSON—Rhonda Luther/Julia & Jeni Reynolds/Gavin & Keely Skillman/Jadelyn O’Dell/ Marlys Lindsey/Lydia Friedrich/ Kimberly Boeschen; OLDE Tyme—Genevieve, Georgia & Shanon Keighley/ Christian, Jordan, Sierra, Zoey, April & Steve Bush/ Hannah, Noah & Janel Wagner; CLOVER—Amanda & Becky Diebold, Kaitlyn Zimmerman; GUY'S & GALS—Gabriel, Taylor, Gabe, & Donna Baker/Emily Henderson/ Paige & Trent Logsdon & Gwen Gilbow. Ask them about it! We had a GREAT DAY!!!

**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 type of fundraising. Requirements are: each member is to sell $25 for the 4-H Council. Fundraiser will run **February 1 – March 20**. 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.
WELCOME NEW OFFICE MANAGER
We are excited to introduce you to Erin Sisco, our Office Manager. Erin started on January 5th and is going full speed! She has 3 children and a lifelong Richmond resident. So stop in and say HI!

2015-4-H MOVE ACROSS MO-
The MOVE program promotes physical activity & encourages young people to engage in a broad range of activities, 4-H members/families log the number of minutes they spend doing things they enjoy, ex: walking, biking, running, etc. using a paper tracking system. Can sign up: as a team or individual. You must enroll every year. Competitive part begins February 1–April 30. Awards provided. Details- http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

CAMP DATES
Mark your calendars—4-H Camp on June 10–12 at Camp Bob White. Camp forms available March 1st and camp cost is $100.

LEADER INFORMATION

4h ONLINE SYSTEM
The new 4hOnline enrollment program still has some issues and we are beginning to get them worked out. Please be Patient just a little longer. Volunteers need to do these 3 things: 1)enroll online, 2)turn in hard copy of MO Volunteer Form and 3)complete the Confidentiality form with your signature and turn both into the extension center. Screenings take time so it is not an instant return once we have these forms in the office.

PROJECT LEADERS
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. New this year—there is an id number on the card that you need to keep, so put in a safe place!

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, 2015. Once you have received a postcard that you have been cleared to be a volunteer, you must do the on-line orientation. Go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html
Once you complete the on-line orientation, it’s good for as long as you’re a volunteer but you do have to enroll each year.

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

CAMP COUNSELORS
Would you like to be a Camp Counselor? We are looking for teens, 13-18 years old, to serve in this role. Camp Counselor applications will be available at a later date.
If interested you must attend the Camp Counselor Training on April 11th in Warrensburg. Counselor apps are available, if interested call.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
In 2015, 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.

SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY PROJECT
Join us at the Ray County fairgrounds in Richmond on Saturday, February 7th and March 7th 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 20-22, 2015 at Camp MoVal, Union MO. Class size limited register early! Forms/details available at the 4-H website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports
The registration fee is $75. 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—you will need to repay the fee.

### EQUINE NEWS

**HORSE COMMITTEE**
Ray County Horsemanship Committee will meet on **Monday, February 9th at 7PM** at the Eagleton Center in Richmond. Bring your ideas!

**HORSE FORMS**
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.

### SMALL ANIMAL NEWS

Do you need rabbits for your Rabbit project? Here is an opportunity for you. **Chubby Bunnies Rabbitry**—Senior Agricultural Science Major group at Truman State are raising New Zealand White rabbits for their Senior Practicum Project. Maggie Perry, former Ray County 4-H member is one of the team members. Maggie says, they have been handled daily and would make excellent project buddies. They now have **New Zealand rabbits for sale as project animals—$20 per rabbit!**

Contact Maggie at: (816)668-4905
mmp3317@truman.edu OR
https://www.facebook.com/ChubbyBunniesRabbitryTSU

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**LIVESTOCK NEWS**

**2015--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 – 18, 2015**

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**EAR TAGS:**
Fair livestock committee will tag animals.

**GOATS:**
Meat goats can be wethers or females 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**. NO Dairy Buck or Pygmy Goat classes.

**SWINE:**
Market hogs can ONLY be shown once. Ex: Can’t show in a Gilt Class and show same animal in the Market Class.

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

Prepared by: Ray County Fairboard Livestock Committee

**OTHER 2015 LIVESTOCK DETAILS**
Please watch for more details in the March newsletter for other fair & livestock details with the show schedule.
Club Reports

Millville 4-H Club met January 7th with 28 members present. The club voted to give $150 to the Millville Church for building use. The club is looking into new 4-H t-shirts. Erin Dana will get details from River Imprints and have at the next meeting. Refreshments were assigned for the next five months. Clover Kids met during the meeting. A committee was formed to get ideas for our fundraiser. Kim Leakey reported on Move Across Missouri. Ham Curing is 1/22/15 @ 7pm. 
Next Meeting: 2/4/15 Jodi Robinson, Reporter

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met January 8th with 23 members present. Club officers met prior to the meeting to discuss and set the 2015 budget. Treasurer, Emily Henderson presented the budget to the club and after some discussion it was approved. Birthday wishes went out to: Shawn Marrant & Kalyn Persell. Project reports were given on: horse bowl/hippology and horsemanship. 
Guys & Gals met December 11th with 29 members present. Discussion was held on the 2015 budget—those that would like to request a scholarship need to contact, Rita Russell, Club Leader before the next meeting. Information on the Equine Career tour was presented. President Lydia reminded members about completing enrollment on-line and requirements for completing the club year. Project reports were given on: Shooting sports safety training and hippology. Gwen Gilbow reported on the 4-H Council meeting and told about the upcoming Northwest Regional Energizer in Hamilton on January 24th. 
Next meeting: 2/12/15 Blake Logsdon, Reporter

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met January 13th with 30 members getting started off with fun dancing games. Pledges were led by the shooting sports members. Grace Black demonstrated "How to Decorate a Cake" and Genevieve Keighley demonstrated "How to Do Origami". Don't forget Global Conference registration due January 27th and Teen Conference due February 1st. Groups meeting: Shooting Sports—2/7 and Horses—2/9. 
Olde Tyme met December 9th with 25 members present. Officers were sworn in. Club discussed the Christmas Party on January 3rd from 5:30-10:00pm. Shooting sports reported on their meeting. Fleece bags were made and will be filled with goodies. 
Next Meeting: ?? Corbynn Boyer, Reporter

Lawson 4-H Club met January 15th with 12 members present. Club set the date for their next trash pickup—March 14&15 @ 2pm. Sally Hayson will be the adult contact. Future community service projects were discussed. Gavin & Keely will attend the 4-H Council meeting. Club watched the "Walk Across Missouri" video and voted to sign up as a team. Clover Kids showed their projects to everyone. They made: bouncy balls out of glue & food coloring and rainbows in jars. A Brown Bag demonstration on making a peanut butter & jelly sandwich was done by Marlys & Haylee. Quilting and Shooting Sports have met. Bring your paperback books for the Little Library and the nursing home in February. 
Next Meeting: 2/5/15 Haylee Edwards, Reporter

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met January 18th with 8 members present. Reminders on ham curing and 4-H Council meeting. Members made dogs out of mason jars to fill with candy or your choice; this was presented by the club leader. Beef meetings—2 held. Club will have a Valentine's Party at the next meeting. 
Dale-Patton met December 7th with 7 members enjoying a Christmas Party and exchanging gifts. Officers elected were: President—Emily Martens, Secretary—Laney Cowick, Treasurer—Haley Jenkins, Reporter—Emily Martens / Game Leader—Pete O'Connor. 
Next Meeting: 2/15/15 Emily Martens, Reporter

Orrick 4-H Club met November 19 with 17 members present. We had a "Coat & Canned Food Drive" and collected 3 coats and 82 canned goods. Enrollments need to be done on the online system by 12/1/14. 4-H Day with the Chiefs was discussed. Ham Curing deposit is due 1/3/15. We will have a guest speaker in January to talk about "Move Across Missouri". 
Next Meeting: 1/28/15 Tatum Floyd, Reporter
FOURCAST

FEBRUARY
7 County Shooting Sports, 8:30 am, Richmond
9 Horsemanship Committee Meeting, 7PM, Richmond
14 **Happy Valentine’s Day!**
16 President’s Day, Office Closed

MARCH
7 County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond
11-12 KC Global Careers, Kansas City
15 State Horse Judging, Columbia
17 **Happy St. Patrick’s Day!**
20-22 Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Camp MoVal, Union MO
23 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond
26 **State 4-H Scholarships DUE**
28-29 Teen Conference, Columbia
31 **Last Day to Change Projects**

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