

The Ray County Fourcast



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Ray County Happenings

4-H COOKIE SALES---February 9-20, 2009

4-H Cookie/Candy Sales is the major fundraiser for the 4-H Council. The money raised helps sponsor 4-H trips, leader opportunities and other 4-H functions. The County Council and your 4-H Club share the profits (40% Club, 60% Council). Tell this to your customers. All the money stays in the county for our youth & leaders. Our taste testers tell us that all of the cookies are EXCELLENT with Mint Patties being our #1 seller!

Cash awards—\$50-\$40-\$30-\$20-\$10 will be made to the top five salesmen and awards to the top 3 clubs—\$50-35-20. Club rebates will be 50 cents/package and 10 cents per candy bar.

Remember:

- Cookies sell for **\$3.25**/package & candy bars are **\$1.00**/bar.
- Cookie sheet must be filled out with customer's name and cookie order.
- You may **collect the money when taking orders or when you deliver.** Just be sure and keep good records.
- Checks should be made out to your 4-H Club. A receipt book is recommended.
- **Sales begin on February 9th and ends on February 20th.**
- **Turn in your cookie sale sheets and any money collected to your club cookie chairman by the date your club gives.**
- **Your club cookie contact should turn in the total tally for their club. We need them by packages and cases.**
- Clubs will be contacted when the cookies arrive in March.
- Clubs must designate someone to assist with unloading & distributing the cookies at the Fairgrounds in Richmond the day of arrival. Each club should double check their order & sign for their cookies.
- Cookies should be delivered ASAP once you receive them. Don't delay!
- **Every 4-H member is expected to sell at least 10 boxes of cookies or 25 candy bars or contribute \$25.00.**



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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Clovers to...

2009 4-H Council Officers were elected & are:
Kim Zimmerman—President; Vicki Squires—Vice-President; Rhonda Luther—Secretary & Shelly Hoskins—Treasurer. When you see these volunteer leaders please tell them "thank you" for stepping forward into these leadership roles.

Congratulations to **Derick Bersano of Dale-Patton 4-H** as he has advanced on to state selection for National 4-H Congress through his 4-H record book.

Ray County had 2 clubs---**Guys & Gals 4-H & Olde Tyme 4-H** that participated in the West Central Regional Energizer in Blue Springs on January 24th!

CLUB NEWS

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

Now is the perfect time to join 4-H Move Across Missouri, a new program that promotes physical activity by encouraging young people and their families to be active together. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team, log the number of minutes you spend being active and join your fellow 4-H'ers in friendly competition to see who is the most active. At the end of the program, all participants will receive a MOVE t-shirt and certificate. The most active individuals and teams will receive bonus prizes from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. For more information, go to 4h.missouri.edu

The ABCs of Exercise



How do you create every letter in the alphabet by using just your body? While participants wiggle, squirm and problem solve, they also are getting good exercise - enhancing flexibility, agility, strength and awareness of their bodies.

4-H CAMPS

Camp time will be here and we're headed back to Camp Bob White at Knob Noster State Park. Camp will be June 22-24 and June 24-26 for 4-H members that are 8-12 years old. You can attend one of the sessions. The cost is \$100.00 per camper. Camp forms are due May 7th and refunds cannot be made after May 15th. Camp applications will be available mid-February.

SENIORS

MO 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer a total of 58 scholarships valued over \$58000, ranging from \$500--\$1000. Applications are due March 27th in the Extension Center. You can access the forms at—<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/recognition/scholarships/>

High School Seniors that are 4-H members or who are former 4-Hers in college are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines & application is available on the 4-H website <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/> The scholarship application format is similar to the 4-H Missouri Recognition Form (MRF) format.

STATE FAIR SCHOLARSHIP

The Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarship deadline is February 15th. 2009 Seniors graduating may now apply for the opportunity at the Missouri State Fair's web site www.mostatefair.com.

To be eligible for a scholarship, you must be a high school senior; be an active 4-H or FFA member; have participated in the Missouri State Fair as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor; have plans to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university with a major in agriculture; and have not sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions.

For more information please call the Missouri State Fair at 1-800-422 FAIR (3247) or email your questions to mostatefair@mda.mo.gov.



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 volunteer leader. Volunteers will not be recognized until the record check process is completed. Volunteers will receive a postcard of notification in writing. Remember, these procedures are necessary "to make the best better" for youth, for volunteers and for 4-H families.

ON-LINE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

At this time there are no scheduled Volunteer Orientations for the rest of the 2009 4-H year. New leaders can take the training online or via CD Rom. For the course go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and for the user name use _kids and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course.

If you do not have access to the internet you can also check out a CD Rom from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation. A written test is required if you choose this option.

TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

COUNSELOR TRAINING

Do you enjoy working with younger 4-H members? Here's an opportunity for teens-13 & over, to become a counselor. There are two types of counselors this year: Counselors, 14 & over and then Counselors-In-Training, 13 years old. The cost is: \$25.00, so please call for an application if you are interested. Counselor training will be on April 25th in Warrensburg. Counselor forms are due April 15th.



SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY PROJECT

The 2009 Ray County Shooting Sports project meets on the first Saturday of each month. This month it will be on February 7th, 8:30 am at the fairgrounds in Richmond.

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!

4-H shooters, 14 & over, can try for the State teams in March. Team members will represent MO 4-H at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Match, June 24-28, in Grand Island, Nebraska.

State team selection is based upon scores during selection matches: March 7- 8 Muzzleloading Small bore Rifle - Small bore Pistol at United Sportsmen Club, Jefferson City; March 14 Hunting Skills at Prairie Grove Shooting Sports, Columbia (formerly Cedar Creek Rod & Gun Club); April 4-5 Compound Archery, Recurve Archery, Air Rifle (April 4), Air Pistol (April 5) at United Sportsmen Club, in Jefferson City.

If you are an above average shooter, and spends a little time in preparation and practice you have a great chance of making the team. Go for it!! If you don't make it this year, you are more prepared to try next year. Talk with your shooting sports group for registration materials/details.

LEADER CERTIFICATION

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification will be held: March 27-29, 2009 at Camp Jo Ota, Clarence MO. Class size is limited in some of the areas so register early. Forms & details are available from the office or on the 4-H website: 4h.missouri.edu The 4-H Council will pay the \$50 registration fee if you register by March 1st. If council pays fee you **MUST** pay it back if you don't attend the training.

EQUINE NEWS

HORSE COMMITTEE

The Ray County Horsemanship Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 4th, 7pm at the Extension Center in Richmond. We will look at dates

& finalize events. If you have ideas please come!

HIPPOLOGY & HORSE BOWL

Horse Hippology/Horse Bowl project group will meet in February on Sundays---the 8th, 15th and 22nd at the Excelsior Springs Fire Station 3-5 pm. Contact Sherri Murray if interested or have questions at 818-838-9321.

2009 EQUINE TEEN TRIP

The 2009 Equine Trip is scheduled for May 22nd - 28th for 4-H youth, ages 14-19. Trip participants are accepted until bus is filled. The cost is \$250 and money due March 15th. The trip will focus on the stock horse & related horse industries in the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Trip objectives & application are at the MO 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>

LIVESTOCK NEWS

STEER WEIGH IN

The Ray County Steer Weigh-In will be on **Saturday, March 7 from 2-3 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 Missouri State Fair.

MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE

Attention 4-H meat project members of-- **beef, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep & swine!** Ray County will have ONE class on MO Show Me Quality Assurance (MSMQA) certification on **Thursday, April 2nd from 6:30-8:00PM at the Extension Center in Richmond.**

You must have this certification if you plan on showing at any fairs in the state of Missouri. You only need to attend one of these sessions. **You must call the office—816-776-6961 by March 26th to pre-register.**

Because of the complexity of the MSMQA information, youth age 8 – 13 need to have repeated exposure to the material. This means that (youth 8 – 13) will need to take MSMQA two (2) consecutive times and then one more time when they turn 14.

Youth 14 & over only need to attend the training or pass the tutorial one time.

SHEEP & SWINE MARKET ANIMALS

Mark your calendar there will be a county weigh-in & ear tagging session at the fairgrounds on **June 5th from 5-6PM.** for sheep & swine. Everyone that plans to sell at the Ray County Fair **MUST** ear tag that day.

Club Reports

Millville 4-H Club met January 7th with 34 members present. Dr. Jonathon Renfro spoke to the members about animal husbandry. Ham Curing will be held on January 15th and photography & foods will meet on February 4th at 6PM. The club gave \$100 to the Millville Methodist Church for the use of their facilities. **Next Meeting: 2/4/09**
Millville 4-H Club hosted a Christmas Party on December 3rd with 37 members enjoyed fun & exciting games celebrating the season. Each member brought items for Shirkey Leisure Acres Christmas Shop. Pat Clevenger of Shirkey's discussed the impact of these gifts for the residents to give. Our program was the history of the candy cane.

Leslyn Cole, Reporter

Lawson 4-H Club met January 8th with 11 members and 6 guests present. A fundraising committee was selected.

Next Meeting: 2/5/09

Lawson 4-H Club met December 4th with 10 members present. Members decided to give money to local charities, such as the Humane Society.

Aly Yokum, Reporter

Central 4-H Club met December 3rd with 12 members present. Brienne & Hilary reported on club purchases for the Salvation Army Angel Tree and purchases for Shirkey's Residents Store. Dianne reported that the club collected 7 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Club members addressed Christmas cards for ones in the service.

Central 4-H Club met on November 6th with 11 members discussing service projects for November & December. Ham Curing deposit is due 12/22.

Spencer Wheeler, Reporter

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met January 8th with 8 members present. Club discussed the meeting dates and the cookie sales.

Next Meeting: 2/15/09

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met December 7th with 7 members and their families enjoying the Christmas Party. Ham deposits are due. Talked about the fair & discussed ham curing & beef projects.

Haley Jenkins, Reporter

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met January 13th with 55 members present. Pledges were led by the Jones & Perry families. Russ Trout from Watkins Mills talked about their programs. WC Regional Energizer was discussed, along with Ray County 4-H events. Project reports were given.

Volunteer Orientation deadline was discussed.

Horsemanship, Clothing & Quilting meetings were set. The Clover Kids showed off their Fortune Cookies that they made tonight.

Next Meeting: 2/10/09

Olde Tyme 4-H Club met December 9th with 23 members present. Pledges were led by the Luther & Funk families. Christmas cards were passed out to everyone to sign for the Holiday Mail for Heroes & Karen Sage will mail them. Discussed Volunteer Orientation deadline. Club adopted the Watkins Mills Group Home, they have 60 students. Members will make fleece bags for the students and will make huge snowflakes for the Lawson Manor residents. Their Winter Bash will be 12/27. Clover Kids shoed off their Gingerbread Houses that they had made.

Jayla Jones, Reporter

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met January 8th with 23 members present. Club did a "Judging Activity".

Next meeting: 2/12/09

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met December 11th with 29 members present. Club gave out the 4-H curriculum that the club purchased for the members. Also talked about the WC Regional Energizer that is in January. We then had a gift wrapping contest & exchanged gifts along with enjoying snacks & punch.

Amanda Danner, Reporter



FOURCAST

FEBRUARY

- 1 Teen Conference, Columbia
- 7 County Shooting Sports, 8:30 am, Richmond
- 14 *Happy Valentine's Day*
- 16 President's Day, Office Closed

MARCH

- 7 County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond
- 7 Steer Weigh-In, 2-3pm, Richmond
- 12 MQA Certification, 7pm, Richmond
- 17 *Happy St. Patrick's Day*
- 18-21 KC 4-H Global Conference, Kansas City
- 23 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Richmond
- 27 State Scholarships DUE

2009 FUTURE DATES

- April 1 State Scholarships Due in Columbia
- April 2 MSMQA Certification, 6:30pm
- April 4 County Shooting Sports, 8:30am
FUN NIGHT, 5-8:00pm, Richmond
- April 25 Camp Counselor Training, Warrensburg
- May 1 Horse Forms DUE
- June 3-5 State 4-H Congress, Columbia
- July 10-18 Ray County Fair
- August 13-23 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia