

The Ray County Fourcast



"A NEWSLETTER FOR RAY COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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RAY COUNTY HAPPENINGS

SEND A SPECIAL VALENTINE---

Maci Jeffries of Orrick 4-H is doing well but still in Children's Mercy Hospital and will be there for Valentine's Day. She received over 100 cards on her birthday in December and it made her day! We'd like to do another card shower for her for Valentine's Day. It does take a few extra days to get through the mail room and to her-- so it is better to mail early rather than later. When you sign your card be sure and put your 4-H club. Her address is: **Maci Jeffries, Children's Mercy Hospital, 4 Henderson Tower, Room 12, 2401 Gillham Road, Kansas City MO 64108.**

EXTENSION CENTER MOVING---

As of March 1st, The Ray County University of Missouri Extension Center will be at a different location---moving to the **Eagleton Civic Center, 1015 W. Royle Street, Richmond MO 64085.** We are moving due to Farm Bureau selling the building and budget cuts.

4-H FUNDRAISER---

The Ray County 4-H Council has taken a different direction with the "fundraiser this year". It will be Apple Market books, Price Chopper books and Sonic cards. Each member is required to sell \$25 for the 4-H Council & then whatever you sell over that goes to you 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!

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CLUB NEWS

4-H MOVE ACROSS MO-2012 Edition!

Get Ready—Get Set—GO!! Join the 4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE)! MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Enrollment for new & re-enrollment for current MOVERs began January 1.

Using an online system, youths & their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program from **February 1 - May 31**. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MOVE program as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVER may also be a part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group. MOVE awards will be provided. Stay tuned! MOVE's sponsor is the **"Missouri Beef Industry Council"**. For more details visit - <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 @ Richmond Orscheln's-776-5913.



HOME ENVIRONMENT

Here's an opportunity for a project member! Gwen Gilbow has a 3-story dollhouse that needs to be refurbished for the Daycare. If you are interested, please contact Gwen at 776-3561 by February 15th.

WEST CENTRAL 4-H T-SHIRTS

Ray County is one, of the 11 counties in the "West Central Region". You can show off your "West Central Region Pride" by ordering a t-shirt today!

Each shirt is \$10, with \$2 from the sale of each shirt going to the Joplin relief fund. Submit your t-shirt order with size and money to the Ray County Extension Office **by March 1**. Shirts will be available for pickup in the Extension Office on April 1st.

Here is the design. Shirts are gray with a big green clover on the front and on the back is black & green writing and a green clover.



CAMP DATES

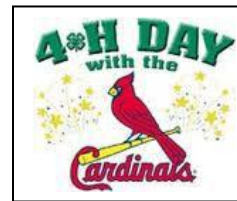
Mark your calendars for---the **2012 4-H Camp** on June 12-14 at Camp Bob White. Camp forms will be available starting **March 1st**.

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 April 1st**. If interested you must also attend Camp Counselor Training on April 21st in Warrensburg.

Counselor applications will be available also, starting **March 1st**.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 4-H DAY



If you are a Cardinal fan--mark--May 12th for the next "4-H Day With The World Series Champion Cardinals". More details next month.

FILMFEST 2012

FilmFest 4-H is scheduled for August 5-8 in Branson, Missouri, and NOW is a great time to be working on your Narrative, Documentary or Animation short film. Examples <http://4h.missouri.edu/filmfest> and contact andersonb@missouri.edu for questions.



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. Remember, these procedures are necessary "to make the best better" for youth, for volunteers and for 4-H families.

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, 2012**.

<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.

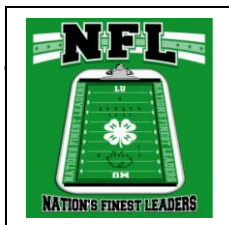
TEEN OPPORTUNITIES

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2012, 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 is available at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>. Or contact the Extension Center for the application. They are due in the Extension Center **by 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.

TEEN CONFERENCE



State 4-H Council is proud to announce the "2012 State 4-H Teen Conference". 4-H'ers aged 11-13 by 1/1/12---this is a fun & active event! Hoping you will to stay in 4-H as long as possible!

It will be held **March 24-25, 2012** at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia. It costs \$129/person (youth or adult chaperone) with t-shirt included. Ray County will pay \$40 of the fee, so your cost is only \$89.00. The county deadline for this trip is **February 15th**. Contact the office for registration or <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/teenconf/>

HOST FAMILIES

Would you like to host someone from Japan? You can provide a home stay for Japanese youth ages 12-16 who arrive July 25 and depart August 20. 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 travel for them but not necessary or required.

If you are interested or would like to learn more contact Joyce Taylor at TaylorJL@missouri.edu or 573-882-6393 for more details.

"MCIA - THE CAPITOL"

Join 4-H youth, 14 & older to the "Missouri Citizenship In Action" experience June 26-28 in Jefferson City. You are invited to come learn how your government works....from the inside! For, this event will put you in the action as you train with state legislators, legal staff and journalists to take on their roles. You can choose to be a lawmaker, judge, or even a reporter covering all the action as it goes down. County deadline is **April 15, 2012**. Visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/mcia/> for more information as it becomes available.

SHOOTING SPORTS

COUNTY PROJECT

Join us at the FFA/4-H Building on the fairgrounds in Richmond on **Saturday, February 4th at 8:30 AM** for the County Shooting Sports. Tammy Pierson, the MO Conservation Agent will share a program with you. You also need to bring your gun cleaning supplies to clean your guns.



LEADER CERTIFICATION

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification will be held: **March 30-April 1, 2012** at Camp Jo Ota, Clarence MO. Class size is limited in some of the areas so register early. Forms/details available from the office or the 4-H website: 4h.missouri.edu

The registration fee is \$60. The 4-H Shooting Sports will pay for you to attend. You must register **by March 14th**.

EQUINE NEWS

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!

HIPPOLOGY

Hippology & Horse Bowl practice is on Sundays from 3-5pm at the Excelsior Springs Fire Station. Call Sherri (816-838-9321) if questions.

HORSE CLINIC

Mark your calendars for a Horse Clinic on **Saturday, March 24th, 1-4PM** at Jeff & Jill Jones, west edge of Lawson. Final details next month.

HORSE COMMITTEE

The Ray County Horsemanship Committee will meet **Thursday, April 19th, 7pm** at the Extension Center in Richmond. We will make final summer plans.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

STEER WEIGH IN

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

2012--RAY COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES

Ray County Fair will be: **July 13 – 21, 2012**

Show	Day	Date/Time
Ham Show	Saturday	July 14, 2PM
Sheep	Monday	July 16,
Goats	Monday	July 16,
Ham Breakfast	Tuesday	July 17, 6:30AM
Swine	Tuesday	July 17,
Beef	Wednesday	July 18, 9AM

In order to sell livestock you must be a: 4-H member (8 -19 years of age) or an FFA member and a Ray County resident and a member of a Ray County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, **OR** be a **Student and attend school** in a Ray County School District and a member in a Ray County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

HAMS---

Country Cured Hams will be required to check in on **Saturday, July 14, 2012** from 11AM-12noon. The judging of the hams will begin at 2:00PM. The Ham Breakfast will be on the following Tuesday morning, July 17th at 6:30AM.

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

Species	Minimum Sale Weight	Market Animals	Maximum # to sell
Lambs	100 pounds	Lambs	5
Meat Goats	50 - 110 lbs.	Goats	5
Hogs	230 - 300 lbs.	Hogs	18
Steers	1100 pounds- up 100# from 2011	Steers	12

EAR TAGS:

Ag teachers & 4-H Livestock Leaders will ear tag their Chapter or 4-H Club Members livestock. The tags will be available **from April 1 – 30** and they must be tagged and tag numbers & members names in to the Extension Center **by May 10th**.

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 2012 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



Club Reports

Clever Clovers 4-H Club met January 10th with 28 members present. The club discussed the program that they will present this summer at the Excelsior Springs Library. Each member made their own t-shirt with the new clubs new print machine. Projects reporting were: rabbits, shooting sports & Hippology.

The club December 13th with 18 members present. Club went caroling to the Nursing Home in Excelsior. Discussed the upcoming county-wide fundraiser and the clubs new t-shirts. After caroling the members went shopping for our Adopted Christmas Family.

Next Meeting: 2/14/12 **Brennan Squires, Reporter**

Millville 4-H Club met January 4th with 26 members present. The club voted to make a donation of \$100 to the church in appreciation for the use of their building. They are also going to offer to help at the next organized clean-

up day. Tiffany Parker gave an arts& crafts demonstration on the variety of options available in crafts. Projects meeting were: Ham Curing Jan.19th @ 7PM.

The club met December 7th with 22 members present. Gift donations were collected for the Shirkey & Christmas Store. Club discussed & approved the coupon books of Apple Market & Sonic cards. The club will go caroling at Shirkey's on December 20th @ 5:30pm with pizza following at Hometown Pizza! Zane Renfro & Shane Leakey led Christmas songs & Christmas Pictionary. We enjoyed Christmas treats brought by all of the families. Tiffany Parker gave the 4-H Council report.

Next Meeting: 2/1/12 **Allie Renfro, Reporter**

Guys & Gals 4-H Club met January 12th with 25 members present. Treasurer's report & minutes were given. Horse project will meet at Janet's 1/21/12. Country Cured Ham project will be 1/19/12. Club voted to give 5 members each \$550 for the equine trip. We will not do cookie sales. Will do Apple Market coupon books & maybe Sonic cards.

Next meeting: 2/9/12 **Aaron Shank, Reporter**

The club met December 15th with 25 members assembling 50 Christmas Meal Boxes for Richmond Backpack families. Club ordered new t-shirts. Projects meeting were: horsemanship & shooting sports. **Kalynn Persell, Reporter**

The club met November 10th with 26 members present. Members approved the community service project of donating \$1500 to the Richmond Backpack program for Christmas meal boxes. Members approved ordering new t-shirts. The horse project reported on the weekend campout trail ride hosted by the Rohlf's family.

(My apology—missed getting this one in the newsletter.)

Lydia Russell, Reporter

Dale-Patton 4-H Club met January 15th with 7 members present. Ham Curing will be on 1/19. 4-H Council will met on 1/23. MO State Fair is August 9-19. Everyone painted & decorated globes. Projects reporting were: beef.

The club met December 4th. 10 members enjoyed a gift exchange, snacks & games. Program books for the year were passed out.

Next Meeting: 2/19/12 **Emily Martens, Reporter**



FOURCAST



FEBRUARY

- 4 County Shooting Sports, 8:30 am, Richmond
- 7-18 4-H Fundraiser
- 13 Lincoln's Birthday, County Holiday
- 14 *Happy Valentine's Day!*
- 20 President's Day, Office Closed



MARCH

- 1 **Ray County Extension—NEW LOCATION**
- 3 County Shooting Sports, 8:30am, Richmond
- 3 Steer Weigh-In, 1:30-2:30PM, Richmond
- 14 **SS Leader Certification: Registration DUE**
- 14-17 KC 4-H Global Summit, Kansas City
- 17 State Horse Judging, Columbia
- 17 *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*
- 26 4-H Council Meeting, **7pm**, Richmond
- 28 **State 4-H Scholarships DUE**
- 30-April 1 Shooting Sports Leader Certification

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