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Dates to Remember

March

- 3 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Fair Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Fair Board dinner auction
- 20 4-H Club fundraising money due at the Extension Center by 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27-29 Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop—Registration due March 15th
- 28 Fun Festival

April

- 1 State 4-H scholarship applications due
- 1 Farm Bureau scholarship applications due
- 4 Judging & Achievement Day—judging classes only this day
- 7 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 11 Sporting Clay Shoot
- 25 St. Charles County Steer Preview show

May

- 1 Junior Leader scholarship applications due
- 2 Market lamb weigh in, 9 a.m.
- 5 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m. and Judging Contest
- 23 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday—office closed
- 27 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

Fun Festival

This is a final reminder that the Fun Festival will be held March 28 at the Extension Center. Plan now to attend and invite your neighbors and friends. Here is the schedule of events:

- 8:30 a.m. Set up committee meets at Extension Center
- 9:00 a.m. Clubs start setting up booths/Food stand opens
- 10:15 a.m. Ticket sales begin
- 10:30 a.m. Booths Opens
- 3:30 p.m. Booths Close (Must not be taken down before 3:30)
- 3:30 p.m. Coronation Committee sets up and decorates for evening event
- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Building closed**
- 7:00 p.m. King and Queen Candidates assemble in small meeting room
- 7:30 p.m. Presentation of King and Queen Candidates & coronation

Note: There will not be a dance this year due to low participation the last few years

4-H Day with the Cardinals

4-H members, their families, and friends are invited to join us for the 8th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals, Saturday, May 23. The Cardinals will be playing the cross state rival Kansas City Royals in a 12:10 p.m. game. Prior to the game, 4-H members and their parents/leaders can take part in a parade around the ball field. Tickets are \$21.00 which will include a T-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis and I highly recommend that you send your ticket orders in early. An order form is included with this newsletter. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 13.



Judging & Achievement Day

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the format of Judging & Achievement Day is changing this year. Activities will happen on different dates. The first activity will be judging events scheduled for Saturday, April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Extension Center. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in judging classes for projects in which they are enrolled. Project categories will include arts & crafts, beef, clothing, foods, shooting sports, gardening/horticulture, and woodworking. Judging categories, which all 4-H members have the opportunity to judge in, are consumer education, health, safety, and wardrobe selection. Members do not have to be enrolled in any particular project to judge in

these four categories. There is a limit to the number of projects or categories you may judge in. 1st & 2nd year members may only judge in three (3) categories and 3rd year or higher may judge in only five (5) categories.

Members do not have to pre-register for judging events but they must register at the Extension Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. No judging cards will be issued after 10:00 A.M.

If you are new in 4-H or you have not been to Judging & Achievement Day and don't know anything about judging, I encourage you to visit the 4-H website and look at the guide sheet about judging as a teaching technique. Judging helps 4-H members develop decision making skills and the ability to logically and clearly express one's self. If you have questions, ask your club leader, or call the Extension Office. <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/get/resources/materials/LG730.pdf>

Sporting Clays Shoot

This is a reminder that the St. Charles County beef exhibitors will host a sporting clay shoot, Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. at the Blackhawk Shooting Preserve. Proceeds from this event will benefit the building addition on the cattle barn at the fairgrounds. Contact Jeff Besselman at 636-639-8886 or Brad Perotti at 314-420-0469 for more information.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

This is a reminder that a 4-H shooting sports leader certification workshop will be held March 27-29. Details were in the February newsletter. Contact the Extension Center if you are interested. Registration is due March 15.

4-H Sportfishing Workshop

A 4-H Sportfishing Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center. Missouri 4-H policy requires volunteers wishing to lead the 4-H Sportfishing project to attend a leader workshop. 4-H Sportfishing is much more than just fishing. It includes fun educational activities in 4 general areas: Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Craft, Angling Skills, and People & Fish. This workshop is offered once a year. Optional arrival on Friday evening. Workshop begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18. The cost is \$40 per person for Saturday & Sunday (4 meals & Sat night lodging) or \$55 per person if you come in on Friday evening. Pre-registration is due by April 1. <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing/workshop.htm>

Hunting Skills Leader Workshop

A Hunting Skills Leader Workshop will be held on April 18-19 at Windermere Conference Center. Participate in active learning as you become acquainted with this challenging and

fun project. Learn from state instructors how to lead a local/county Hunting Skills program. Experience various teaching activities that have proven effective for youth. Become a certified 4-Hunting Skills volunteer leader. Arrival on Friday evening and a Friday evening session are optional. Topics covered in this workshop include wildlife identification – hides, skulls, scat, tracks, wings, map & compass skills, game recovery/blood trails, plaster casts of animal tracks, state contest event info & tips, Dutch-oven cooking, simulated hunting/shooting activities, and Carmelita hunt. The cost is \$40 per person for Saturday & Sunday (4 meals & Sat night lodging) or \$55 per person if you arrive on Friday.

Missouri 4-H Wildlife Contest

The State Wildlife Contest will be held April 4 at Hickory Hill Camp, Columbia, MO. Any 4-H member interested in wildlife and wildlife habitats is encouraged to participate in this event. Pre-registration is due March 15. Visit the website for a registration form and information. <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/> or contact the Extension Center.

State 4-H Congress

The 64th State 4-H Congress is scheduled for June 3-5 at the University of Missouri - Columbia. The State 4-H Council, in cooperation with the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development staff, is planning an exciting event. For three days, 4-H members will have the opportunity to expand their leadership, personal, and social horizons on the University of Missouri campus. Congress delegates must be 14 or older (as of Jan. 1, 2009). The fee is \$160. Please call the Extension Center for more information and a registration form. Registration is due in the Extension Center by 4:30 p.m. March 30.

4-H Citizenship Youth Forum

4-H Citizenship Youth Forum will be held June 22 – 24 in Jefferson City. Young people from all over Missouri will come together for this three-day forum to learn about Missouri government. You will have a chance to introduce legislation and actually debate and decide that legislation through mock meetings and proceedings on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives. Or you might choose to learn about the judicial side of state government through debates and court hearings in mock sessions of the Missouri Supreme Court. Or if your interest is in learning on how to report all of this to the citizens of Missouri, you might choose to take part in the media tract. This year, an Executive Tract has been added. Delegates must have completed 8th grade or be at least 14 years old. (as of Jan. 1, 2009) The fee is \$95. Call the Extension Center for more information and a registration form. Registration is due in the Extension Center by March 30th.

4-H Camp

St. Charles County 4-H Camp will be held June 25-28 at Camp Dericotte in Cuivre River State Park in Troy, MO. Camp is open to 4-Her's age 8-12 (as of January 1, 2009). You may invite a friend to attend camp with you. Camp fee is \$55.00 and registration forms are due May 1. A \$20 late fee will be charged after May 1. No registration forms will be accepted after May 15. A camp registration form is included with this Youth News.

Camp Counselors

Camp counselor applications are due by March 15. If you like working with 8 to 12 year olds, this leadership opportunity is for you. If you are chosen to be a camp counselor, you will be required to attend counselor training June 14-16. St. Charles County will camp June 25-28. If you are 14 or older and are interested, contact the Extension Center for an application or go to our website and print one.

<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/>

4-H Summer Camp Staff Openings

The Northeast Missouri 4-H Camp Committee is accepting applications for a variety of positions at 4-H camp. Positions include Program Director, Director's Assistant, Health Aide, Lifeguard, Crafts Instructor, Head Cook, and Kitchen Helpers. Please call the Extension Center for more information and an application. University of Missouri Extension is an equal opportunity employer.

Market Lamb Weigh-In

There will be a mandatory market lamb weigh-in and ear tagging held May 2 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds located in Rotary Park, Wentzville. Market lambs must be at the weigh in and receive an ear tag in order for the 4-H member to show at the county fair in July. Exhibitors may tag up to four market lambs, however only two may be shown. Contact Ray Reininger, 327-7386 if you have questions. All sheep project leaders are asked to help with the weigh-in. Nose printing will be done at this time also for market lambs that you plan to take to State Fair.

Rabbit Judging Contest

Plans are underway for the county rabbit judging contest to be held at the Extension Center on May 5. This is the regular meeting night for the County Rabbit Project. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Participants will judge several classes of rabbits, and there will be a quiz on information that has been covered at rabbit project meetings. All rabbit project members are invited and encouraged to attend. Ribbons will be awarded and the top 1/3 blue ribbon winners will qualify to go on the Awards Day Trip in July.

Spring Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show

All 4-H Rabbit and Poultry members are invited to participate in the 5th Annual Open Youth Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and show on Saturday, April 25 at the Clearview Feed and Seed store, 7436 Hwy. 47 Union, Mo. The event is sponsored by the Maverick 4-H Club in Franklin County. Kevin Rugen and Chris Link are the clinicians and judges. The shows are open to all youth age 19 and under. An added bonus: Ken Bolte, Agriculture Business Specialist with University of Missouri Extension, will be presenting a Show Me Quality Assurance workshop between shows. This will allow you to be certified to show any species of meat animal at county and State Fair this year. There is a \$7.00 per person pre-registration fee for registrations post-marked or received by April 8. Registration at the door is \$10.00. Complete information and registration forms are available by calling 636-257-8494 or e-mail pam@wbconstruction.com. Forms are also available at <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>.

St. Charles County Steer Preview Show

This is a reminder that the St. Charles County beef leaders have planned a steer preview show to be held April 25 at the St. Charles County fairgrounds, Rotary Park, Wentzville. The show is open to all 4-H and FFA exhibitors from St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties. Contact Denny Meyer, 636-281-1008, Jim Johnson, 636-939-9460, or Jeff Besselman, 636-639-8886 if you have questions.



State 4-H Scholarships

This is a reminder that State 4-H scholarships are due April 1. If you are interested in applying, call the Extension Center for the application form and complete details or visit the website <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/>

Farm Bureau Scholarships

The St. Charles County Farm Bureau is offering scholarships to interested high school seniors planning to enter college this year. Seniors must be a resident of St. Charles County and must be planning to enroll in courses of benefit to agriculture. Applicants need not be members of the Farm Bureau. Applications may be picked up at the Farm Bureau office in St. Peters or Wentzville. If you have questions you can call the St. Peters office at 441-4655 or the Wentzville office at 332-6594. Application deadline is April 1.

Parade Theme for the Fair

Jim Johnson is planning another parade for the opening of the Fair this year. The theme is "It's A Family A-Fair". I hope that all of our clubs will have a float or some type of entry for the parade. Contact Jim if you have questions.

4-H Move Across Missouri

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

Using an online system, youths and their families “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/>

Monthly MOVEment Activity Idea

Youth, families, clubs, afterschool groups and others can have fun while being physically active!

Balloon Soccer

Materials - 10-inch round balloon

This activity can be played outdoors or indoors in a wide-open room. Youth stand in a circle shoulder to shoulder, holding hands. Youth kick the balloon








around the circle passing to each player in the circle. After the balloon has been kicked around the circle, ask everyone to take a giant step back and kick the balloon around again (hands may need to be dropped). Keep playing until you run out of space! Encourage youth to try kicking with the other leg in the opposite direction or pass the balloon by bouncing it off their head.

2009 Summers @ Mizzou Camps

Do you have an idea you want to turn into your own business? Are you someone adults turn to when they need help with technology? Do you want to be fit and healthy? Do you like people? Are you interested in learning about other cultures? If any of these apply to you, Summers @ Mizzou is where you should be the **week of July 26**. Summers @ Mizzou offers six different camps: High-Tech Health and Fitness, Scrub-In to a Health Career, Build-a-Business, Child Development and Beyond, Viva El Espanol, and GeoTech. These camps are offered as residential or day camps. Camps are available for a wide range of ages beginning with 12 year olds. Check the registration information for the age range of each camp. Early registration is due by April 7. For registration and available scholarships see <http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers> For those without Internet access, call the Extension office.

Clovers & Congratulations

-  To the Recognition Night Committee; Lola Brand, Diane Missey, Cindy Menscher, Rene Tune, and Carrie Weber for all of their hard work organizing and conducting a very nice event February 20.
-  To Dewey Helms, Extension Council Chair, for coming to our Recognition Night and helping us give out the awards.
-  To all of the 4-H members who received awards at our Recognition Night.
-  To Kayla Pohlman, Anna Wheeler, Logan Joehl, and Hailey Cue for participating in the Regional Horse Bowl contest in Franklin County February 22. In the Jr.Jr. division, Hailey placed 1st and Logan placed 3rd. Kayla Pohlman was on the senior team that placed 3rd, and Anna Wheeler was on the junior team that placed 4th.
-  To Nancy Krenski for coaching our horse bowl participants and helping at the Regional Horse Bowl.



Club Corner

The Daniel Boone 4-H Club held their meeting on February 3rd. There were 14 members and 7 others present. Delaney Schmidt and Olivia Diederich lead the club in a valentine relay game. Katie Overstreet reported on her dog project, she attended a dog show. Delaney and Darby Schmidt reported on their goat project, and Darby Schmidt reported on a quilting meeting. The business conducted was this year's fundraiser. We are still getting information on different options. Our dinner for the elderly will be held April 19th. The Clover Kids made tissue paper hearts for Valentine's Day. The president, Eli Nadler concluded the meeting. (Darby Schmidt, Reporter)

Marshmallows, tents, and lots of games; the classic materials and activities that you do when you go camping. On February 17th seven of the **Wentzville 4-H Club** members taught the Clover Kids some fun outdoor adventure activities. The seven 4-H members were: Madison, Harrison, Kennedy, Kristin, Hannah, Olivia, and Liz. After putting up tents, roasting marshmallows on a camp stove and doing campfire stories/games, the Clover Kids had tons of fun as well as their 4-H teachers. On top of that the club decided dates/times for the Health and Safety goal at Skyzone in Chesterfield and the Recreational goal at Pump it Up in New Town. Harrison Hennessy is the King of our Club and would like to make a larger group effort for his community service project by involving the entire 4-H club to help him in cleaning up the environment by picking up trash on Sat. Feb 21st. Robotics letters went out and are getting underway. Project reports on Arts/Crafts, Outdoor Adventure, Rabbits and Dog Reports were discussed. The Fun Festival Committee consists of the Frieses, Jones, Campbells, Beilmans and Addie Rowles. The Wentzville 4-H game booth will be balloon popping w/ darts called "THE BIG BANG"- we will have a Mardi Gras Theme with Mardi Gras Prizes!! The auction baskets were decided to be a "Movie basket" and a "His/Her basket" with the Schaefers and the Enloes handling this committee. Our Wentzville 4-H Breakfast Fundraiser location is still being discussed. The Care drive is scheduled for April 25th from 11:30-2:30 at both Schnucks and Walmart in Wentzville. We have a friendly competition going on within our club to see which location will receive the most donations for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry! Please come out and show your support. (Hannah Beilman, Reporter)

The Josephville 4-H Club started off our meeting with roll call. Some of the members invited their grandparents to have cookies and juice. Each grandparent was asked to say how they met and how many years they were married. The couple that was married the longest was 45 years. We talked about the different important events coming up. We are

planning on going bowling, but a date has not yet been determined. We are planning on having a 4-H bingo sometime in March. Family and friends are welcomed to play bingo. Pins were distributed to the 4-H members according to how many years they have been in 4-H. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. (Kristin Bampton, Reporter)

The Pauldingville 4H Club started the January meeting with a fun game which allowed everybody to tell a part to a story. We chose a theme and a game for the upcoming 4H Fun Festival. We voted on club t-shirt designs and we voted on a donation for the Fair Board Dinner Auction. We are going to be doing a fundraiser Meat Shoot on Saturday, February 21st at the VFW Post 5327 located at 1414 Highway Z in Wentzville. We will offer 10 rounds at \$2 per round. All ages may participate and everyone is welcome!

At the February meeting of the **Pauldingville 4-H Club**, we signed up to work the meat shoot fundraiser. We will also have a fundraiser at Culpeppers on March 3rd. If you bring in a flier with our club name, they will donate 10% of the purchase back to our club. We will also be doing a game or an activity for the Special Olympics on March 21st. Our Fun Festival theme is Charlotte's Web and we will be constructing our booth the first week of March. We all donated money to be used to purchase items for our Fair Board Dinner Auction basket. We have had 4 very expensive tickets for an upcoming St. Louis Blues Hockey game donated for our basket! (Ryan Stotts, Reporter)

Happy



St. Patrick's Day!



Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five- to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of *learn by doing*.

Making Kazoos

What you need:

- Empty toilet
- Paper rolls
- Rubber bands
- Wax paper
- Markers
- Gummed stars

What you do:

Show the children how to assemble their own kazoos by folding the wax paper several times so that it covers the end of the paper roll. Rubber band it in place. Encourage the children to decorate their kazoos with the markers and stars. Test the kazoos. Place the end of the roll lightly to your mouth and sing or hum. The vibration of the layers of wax paper should make your kazoos sound great!

Source: "Our Flag," Ohio 4-H Cloverbud Curriculum, Ohio State University Extension

