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# CLOVER SAYINGS

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## Dear 4-H Family,

It feels like spring has truly arrived. Now that the false spring of March is behind us and the winter freeze of April is history, we're looking forward to the beauty of a green and growing Ozark's springtime.

### "Raising Blue Ribbon 4-H'ers"

"The real purpose of 4-H is about rearing Blue Ribbon Kids. In 4-H we've had a long history of youth as well as adults striving to make their best better, not only for themselves but for others in the program as well. Whether the prop is a camera, a cow or a cookie, the ultimate goal is to help that young person become the best 'person' they can become. Four-H is for the kids. If their photo or calf or no bake cookies wins first place, that's fine. If it doesn't, that may be even better. With the help and encouragement of their parents, leaders and others the youngster with the red or white ribbon has the opportunity to grow and learn what they can excel at and what they aren't as good in and they can decide in which areas they want to put their time and talents to work. For some the blue ribbon says, we know all we need to know. There is no reason to strive to do better. Fairs, shows and contests give everyone the opportunity to strive to do their best, to learn to cooperate as well as complete, to express their views and concerns and to get along with others in the process. Have you noticed how much like life a fair is? You come on the scene, you participate in some way, you have successes and not so successful experiences and then, it is over. The Difference is, there will be another fair; another opportunity to participate. We only have this one life, are we making it a blue ribbon life for ourselves and those that follow

after us? I hope you plan to enjoy the summer with your children and the many opportunities 4-H provides to share "Blue Ribbon" youth and adult learning experiences."

We all like to be considered the winner, but winning comes in different forms for each of us. As adults we need to do our part to help our kids develop a winning attitude and sense of accomplishment, no matter what color the ribbon might be.

Our members certainly deserve a thumbs-up and a pat on the back for their good work, but without the devoted volunteers who mentor and encourage them, many of their talents and skills would never be realized.

Thanks to all for your time and effort in making a difference with our 4-H'ers.

Jeannie Moreno

4-H Youth Development Program Assistant

**Achievement Day is June 16, at the Webster County Fairgrounds. I hope every club will have members participate. Members advance from this event to both Regional Achievement Day and State.**

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# **COUNTY INFORMATION**

## **WEBSTER COUNTY LEADER'S**

### **COUNCIL**

Each club is asked to send two representatives to attend 4-H Council meetings. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. Council voted on a new project pin report form. Make sure to ask your club leader for the new form.

**Freedom Reins Horse Club** –Twelve members attended the State Equine Judging Competition in Columbia on March 17th. Freedom Reins along with Webster County Trail Blazers brought home third place team in State! Yea!! All members had a great time cheering each other on. We were so excited to hear our name called and to go to the middle of the arena to accept the award. Many of us went up the night before and spend the night playing games in the swimming pool. We are now gearing up for Webster County fair 4-H Horse Show to be held July 17, Achievement Day and Sedalia State Fair.

We also held a Coggins clinic at Elkland Arena this month and had a really good turn out. We have scheduled a couple of practice riding days in May to be held at Elkland. Some of our members will be going to the NATRC two day trail ride held in Arkansas this month. Good luck team! So many exciting events are coming up and our team can't wait to get started on them! We are still selling raffle tickets to win \$200. the tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. the drawing will be held at Webster County Fair 4-H Horse Show. **Reporter - Caitlin Cook**

**Heartbeat of the Ozarks** - We are having a club fundraiser, at the Orscheln Farm & Home grand opening on May 5th, starting at 8 AM. We are selling donuts and coffee in the morning, hot dogs starting at 10 am. Come by for some good food. **Lance Bryant, Reporter**

**Midnight Stars- Bower Family Club** -  
**Reporter—Kassie Bowers**

**Webster County Trailblazers** - Four members, two advisors and one guest attend our project meeting. We did riding and practicing for up coming shows. We played horse games and sung songs. Next meeting will be May 6 and our topic will be Grooming for fun and show. **Kacie Cardwell, Reporter.**

# CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and 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 5- to 7-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing. The following activity allows children to taste test and compare results.

## Popcorn Taste Testing

### What You Need:

- Popcorn
- Salt
- Margarine
- Garlic salt
- Parmesan Cheese
- Seasoned salt
- Caramel popcorn
- Cheesy popcorn

### What You Do:

Make several different "seasoned" popcorn types. Vote and graph the results. Which flavor was the group's favorite?

*Source: Iowa State University Extension 4-H  
([www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Clover/models.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Clover/models.htm))*

**\*\*\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*\***

**LEADER COUNCIL MEETING**  
**IS JUNE 14TH !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Ask you club leader for your new project pin report forms.

# REGIONAL INFORMATION

## NEW LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT REQUIREMENT

Any 4-H or FFA member exhibiting Market Animals in the 2007 Gold Buckle Extravaganza, July 20-23, must have some form of quality assurance certification. A goat exhibitor can qualify with a Beef Quality Assurance certificate, a Pork Quality Assurance certificate or Show Me Quality Assurance, but they must be certified through one of those programs.

For reference, this information is outlined on the front page of the Ozark Empire Fair Livestock Newsletter dated March 20. It was mailed to previous exhibitors and is available on the Fair's website at [www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com) - Linda Elderton, OEF.

## STONE COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK SHOW

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Stone County will be holding its first annual 4-H livestock show at the city park in Crane, Missouri. Livestock included in our judging classes are: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Goats and Sheep. This is an open show for all kids ages 8 to 18 from across SW Missouri. It's organized by the Wire Road Wrangler's 4-H Club and sponsored by local merchants.

If you are interested in attending and need a registration form and rules or would like more information, contact Mary Pad-dock at the University of Missouri Stone County Extension Office either by phone at (414)357-6812 or by e-mail: [pad-dockmo@missouri.edu](mailto:pad-dockmo@missouri.edu).

## BEEF CAMP, JUNE 4, BUFFALO

The annual Beef Camp is just one day this year. Check-in is 8:30 am, at the Dallas Co. Fairgrounds. Fitting and grooming, Quality Assurance and Showmanship will be the major topics. Camp ends by 5 pm. Advanced registration is requested. We have forms or email: [stuckeyd@missouri.edu](mailto:stuckeyd@missouri.edu)

## FLOWERS FOR KIDS

This program has just been introduced in the St. Louis area and it has been successful in schools and could be expanded to 4-H groups.

The program teaches kids how to grow, take care of and enjoy flowers. The class teaches a little bit of Biology, chemistry and artistry. Each interactive class lasts about

45 minutes. By the end of the class kids will know how to treat flowers, make flower food and do a basic flower arrangement that they get to take home. They will also get a diploma for completing the class. And the best part - it's all FREE!!!

This would be great for your horticulture and gardening projects or maybe for your whole club. Let Jeannie know if you have interest in this.

**BULLETIN:** *The Missouri 4-H Foundation still has community service grant funds available. Grants up to \$750 are available to special community service projects. Guidelines and applications forms are available from the office.*

*Community service projects can be a wonderful learning experience for 4-H members and are very beneficial to the community. The Foundation is looking to award grants before June 15<sup>th</sup>.*

## BOLO/COWBOY GOLF GAME IN CRAFTS!

There is still room for you, your 4-H friends and even a friend or two not in 4-H. To bring a non-4-H friend to camp, just pick up an enrollment form for camp and a 4-H member enrollment form.

As with all member enrollments there is the \$8 state dues. The friend enrolls in the camping project (project number 762) and goes with you to camp. What a great deal!!

An enrollment form is in this "Clover Talk." Enroll today! Camp fee is only \$70 and there are two member camp sessions to choose from.

**Clover Kids Camp** is taking applications too and it's only \$35 for parent and child. Call today for your registration form.

## CROP TILL YOU DROP CAMP

All scrap bookers are invited to camp June 22-23, for 26 and a half hour of pure delight. Many tools provided and great instruction and clever ideas for the sharing. Food, fun and rustic cabins available for those who can't keep up. Cost is only \$75 before May 15, \$85 after and each camper will receive at least \$20 in scrap booking supplies. Extra supplies and new products will be available. This is for adults; we know kids couldn't keep up!! Call today

## 4-H Day with the Springfield Cardinals

4-H families, alumni and friends are invited to participate in 4-H Day with the Springfield Cardinals, set for Saturday, July 7.

According to Karla Deaver, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, this activity provides an excellent opportunity for a family outing.

This year's game is set for 6:10 pm at Hammonds Field, and the Cardinals will be playing the Frisco RoughRiders. Special activities at the ball park that evening included the Ozarks Coca-Cola Sluggerbird Camp Give-away to the first 5000 to the ballpark.

Tickets are available for \$7 per person, and a special event t-shirt is available for \$10. Seating will be on the third-base side of the park.

Orders must be postmarked by June 8. See the enclosed flyer for details.

## STATE INFORMATION

### 2007 Missouri Sheep Producers scholarships

The Missouri Sheep Producers, Inc. is offering four \$750 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students. Applicants must have been involved in a sheep project for at least three years and be a Missouri resident. Applications can be downloaded at:

<http://www.missourisheep.org/youthprograms.htm>

They are due by May 15. For questions, please contact Sarah Gehring at 573-819-0806 or [sarah.sg@earthlink.net](mailto:sarah.sg@earthlink.net)

### **AEROSPACE CAMP 2007 UM ROLLA**

Space camp for 10-12 year olds is scheduled to lift off July 17-19 or 24-26, at the University of Missouri Rolla campus. Fee is \$180. Call our office for a program flyer or email your program questions to Rolla at:

[dce@umr.edu](mailto:dce@umr.edu)

### **Animal Health Requirements for Exhibition 2007**

The 2007 Animal Health regs from the Dept of Ag indicates one MAJOR change in the sheep and goat regulations. Wethers MUST HAVE official ID or tattoo and health paper like all other sheep have to have. Please advise other market lamb and goat (wether) owners know about the ID or tattoo and health paper change. All members interested in showing animals need to take responsibility for reviewing the section of the rules related to the species their show each year.

### **4-H EXCHANGE TO WISCONSIN?**

I was wondering if you might have a group of teens looking to participate in an Interstate Exchange Trip. I have 5 youth and 1 chaperone looking to travel to a county this year and host next year. Please let me know if you are and I can send you more information...Jackie Johnson

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## MU to host pork institute

The 2007 University of Missouri Pork Institute will be June 11-13. The institute, sponsored by MU and Missouri Pork Association, is an intensive three-day program to teach profitable pork production practices, introduce technological developments and train them to be leaders in the pork industry. The participants compete for two \$500 scholarships to be used at MU.

More information is available from the Missouri Pork Association Web site, [www.mopork.com](http://www.mopork.com)

## Health regulations changed for exhibiting sheep, goats

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has released the 2007 animal health regulations. Requirements for sheep and goats have changes: Wethers (castrated males) must have an official ID or tattoo and health papers.

All 4-H members interested in showing animals need to take responsibility for reviewing the rules related to the species they show.



**Events & Deadlines**

**Mower accidents injure 10,000 kids each year**

It can travel at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour, and with little warning it can severely injure someone. That is how University of Missouri Extension safety expert Bill Casady describes a rock thrown from a lawn mower. Each year, more than more than 75,000 Americans are injured in lawn mowing accidents, and 10,000 of them are children.

"A projectile traveling at 150 to 250 miles per hour has great potential to tear the skin, and usually those injuries heal. However, an object could just as easily hit you in the face or directly in the eye, and that will put an eye out immediately," Casady said.

Each year, more than 75 people die in lawn mower accidents. Casady said parents should not allow children under the age of 12 to use a push mower and to keep children under the age of 16 off riding lawn mowers.

"Many children are disfigured in lawn mowing accidents. They lose toes or fingers, even a whole hand or limb, and it changes the family forever and may change the quality of life," Casady said.

People should always wear eye and ear protection, especially when using a string trimmer.

String trimmers, leaf blowers and chain saws can exceed more than 100 decibels. Loud noises heard even for a short period of time cause permanent hearing damage. Casady said string trimmers also can pick up and hurl objects at three times the speed of a lawn mower.

"A string will still be able to pick up tiny gravel-size items and easily fling them at 200 miles per hour. Those projectiles could put an eye out as well, so wearing eye protection while using string trimmers is extremely important," he said.

Casady also urges adults to check lawn equipment to make sure safety guards are in place. The protective shield on the rear of a push mower has saved many feet during accidents. Many older-model lawn mowers do not have this safety feature.

May 10

- 4-H judging taught by NE MO 4-Her's, click on [www.4h.missouri.edu/](http://www.4h.missouri.edu/) at 7 pm

May 12

- "Super Saturday" for Military Kids, 1-4 pm, Nat. Guard Armory, Springfield

May 15

- All 4-H Camp enrollments due (first come, first served) - friends may attend

May 19

- Stone Co. Youth Livestock Show, Crane

May 26

- Newton County 4-H Horse Show - entries due May 11
- Ash Grove Youth Fair, call 751-2529 or 848-6632 for a fair book

May 25-28

- Missouri Equine Teen Trip

May 30-June 1

- State 4-H Congress, Columbia, Mo.

June 1-2

- Lawrence County Youth Fair, Freistatt

June 2

- Willard Jr. Livestock Show, High School Ag Center, 8 am, call 742-4551 or 4774

June 4

- Beef Camp, Buffalo, MO

June 5-7

- Dairy Cow Camp—Springfield, Mo.

June 9

- State Poultry Day, Columbia, Mo.

June 16

- Webster County Achievement Day

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- Webster County Horse Show

June 17—21

- Webster County Fair

June 26-28

- Citizenship Youth Forum, Jefferson City, Mo

July 10-12 and July 17-19

- 4-H/UMR Aerospace Camp, Rolla, Mo.

July 23-26

- 4-H Youth Futures, Columbia and Jefferson City, Mo Aug. 9-19

- Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Mo.



