

**Webster  
County  
4-H**

# CLOVER SAYINGS

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## Dear 4-H Family,

Summer is home to some of the most exciting 4-H activities. I hope you and your family will plan to participate in at least a few. This newsletter contains information about many different opportunities. Please read it carefully. Achievement Day is a chance for you to show-off many of the skills you have learned during the 4-H year. I hope to have a big crowd.

## Achievement Day

Achievement Day will be held April 26th at the Webster County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8:00 am. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

8:30 - 10:30 Livestock Judging

9 - 11 am Member Project Judging  
Judging classes are: Horse, Shooting Sports, Beef, Foods, Photography, Clothing, Arts and Crafts, Woodworking, Swine and Dog

9 - 10:30 am Personal Appearance  
Fashion Revue

9:30 - 11:30 Demonstrations

Share-The-Fun /Awards Presentation

A reasonable meal will be available to all 4-H members and family.

Enclosed is an information sheet about all the activities so you can be prepared. I look forward to seeing you at Achievement Day.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Moreno

4-H Youth Development Program Assistant

**2008 4-H Day With The St. Louis Cardinals is sold out. But pleased to report that they sold 3238 tickets and this is their biggest year ever!!!**



**4-H Volunteers...Inspiring  
the Next Generation!**

Thank you for donating  
your skills and time  
for the youth  
in your community.

National Volunteer Week

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# **COUNTY INFORMATION**

## **WEBSTER COUNTY LEADERS'**

**COUNCIL** Each club is asked to send two representatives to attend 4-H Council meetings. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 1st at 7:00** p.m. at the Extension Office. For your club to be in good standing, your club representative needs to attend a majority of Leaders' Council meetings. This will make the sixth meeting and I want to thank the clubs that have attended.

## **Webster County 4-H Website**

Please make sure you check out our Webster County 4-H website for all upcoming events, county award forms, state forms, deadlines, etc. The website is <http://extension.missouri.edu/webster>. Then just click the 4-H emblem. This way, Webster County 4-H is doing its part by saving trees plus this should expedite any forms that you need. If you don't have internet, just let me know.

Freedom Reins requested a copy of all our Webster County award forms and if your club doesn't have copies of them, just let me know and I will get you a set or you can pull them off the web.

## **CLUB HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Country Cardinals -**

**Reporter -**

### **Freedom Reins Horse Club -**

**Reporter - Mariah Leach**

### **Heartbeat of the Ozarks -**

**Reporter - Bayleigh Ward,**

### **Webster County Trailblazers -**

**Reporter - Emily Quas**

## **Two free registered "Fainting Goats," if you can catch them**

Mrs. Dani Piddington with an Ozark phone number has two registered fainting goats to give to a good home. They are two years old and need TLC. She just doesn't have the time to spend with them. They will eat from your hand but aren't very warm and cuddly, but stand offish. In fact, a little wild. One may be a little difficult to catch. One is white with black spots and the other is black with white spots. She would like to see someone care for them. A 4-H'er to use for a project would be ideal but just anyone who will take good care of them.

Please call her at 581-7660 or share her phone number with anyone you think might be interested. She has had them since they were kids, so she doesn't have to have them gone this week but would like for them to have a better home than she can provide. She says they are well fed, perhaps a little over well.

**Horse enrollment forms-** are due to the Extension Office on or before May 1. Horse enrollment is required to show at some county shows, State Fair and American Royal. The forms must be signed by both the project and club leader. Forms may be obtained from the Extension Office or [www.mo4-h.missouri.edu](http://www.mo4-h.missouri.edu)

## **Horse Judging Contest**

Congratulations to the following members of Freedom Reins 4-H club, who competed in the State Horse Judging Clinic and Contest, March 15, at the University of Missouri.

In the Junior Individual contest there were 68 participants. Mariah Leach placed 17th, Kyla Marlin placed 29, Megan Passow placed 43, Ryleigh Bouldin placed 67 and Victoria Janacek placed 68. The Junior team consisted of Mariah Leach, Megan Passow and Kyla Marlin they took 8th placed out of 25 teams

In the Senior Individual division Jessica Rader placed 7th, Kelsey Chapman placed 8, Katelyn Marlin placed 24, Courtney Hill placed 26, Hannah Cheatum placed 29, Lucas Bouldin placed 37, Caitin Cook placed 40, Kaci Janacek placed 56 and Chelsea Parker placed 58 out of 72 contestants. Jessica Rader, Katelyn Marlin and Kelsey Chapman in the Senior Team took 4th placed out of 21 teams. Way to go!

Once again, congratulations to all of you.

## ••••• CLOVER KIDS CORNER

### Potato Prints

#### What you need:

Potatoes      Paint      Cookie cutters  
Paper      Knife

#### What you do:

Cut a large potato in half. You will need a cookie cutter that fits on the potato half. Press the cookie cutter into the flat side of the potato. Then, using a knife cut the potato around the outside of the cookie cutter, leaving a shaped potato stamp. Have the children dip the potatoes in the paint and press them firmly onto the paper. (If the potatoes are not cut evenly the shapes will not appear clearly.)

### Find the Gold

#### What you need:

Rocks    Gold paint

#### What you do:

Paint the rocks gold. Hide them around the room and go on a gold hunt!

### HEARTBEAT OF THE OZARKS Clover Kids

had two meetings in March. At their first meeting they made Easter baskets out of crochet thread, balloons and starch. Which they have to let them dry for a week before they could be made into baskets. Then at their next meeting we fill them with goodies. They also made Easter bunny paper bag which they used for their easter egg hunt. The Easter bunny surprise them by stopping by and helping out with the Easter egg hunt and had his picture taken with them.

**SW Regional Dog Show**– May 10, 12:30 p.m. Springfield Dog Training Club. All dog project members are invited and encouraged to enter. Please call the Extension office for entry forms and directions.

## REGIONAL INFORMATION

### Volunteer Orientation

An orientation is being offered in Vernon County and is open to volunteers from other counties. The training will be held April 12, 9:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds in Nevada. If you have questions contact Carol Parmenter at 448-2560.

### Web Watch for 4-H Volunteers – Did you know?

Over 1000 Missouri 4-H volunteers have completed the face to face orientation training. But, that leaves several thousand to get the training before Jan. 1, 2009. One opportunity is the new Online Volunteer Orientation and it is now linked from the Missouri 4-H website with instructions to contact the local Extension office or 4-H youth specialist for the login/password. Since this volunteer training is mandatory, the password will allow only Missouri volunteers to participate.

Please understand that the Orientation Feedback Form that is required at the end of the course is reviewed. If the open-ended questions are not completed or the answers are not consistent with the course content individuals will be asked to complete the feedback form again or to attend an in person training.

Remember training must be completed by **Jan. 1, 2009**.

The link to the volunteer page can be reached from three locations: the homepage, about 4-H or get involved.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/>

### Help Us Keep Your Child Safe

There are so many exciting summer opportunities for 4-H'ers. They will be involved in camps, trips, local activities and state events. Our first goal is to keep your child safe while attending these and other 4-H events. You can help us do that by being very specific when you complete the youth health form. It is important that the chaperones and event planners know what they can expect. Be sure to include all medications they take and indicate any food or drug allergies they might have. We have handled many difficult medical situations in the past and made arrangements to avoid certain foods because of allergies. Your help is necessary in making this a wonderful and safe 4-H summer.

# STATE INFORMATION

## Wildlife Management State Contest – April 12

Individuals or teams of 3  
Pre-registration by April 1  
[Wildlife Contest](#) on the web

## SS Hunting Skills Leader Certification Workshop – April 19-20

Near Clinton, MO  
For volunteers previously certified in one of the other shooting disciplines  
Pre-registration by April 10

[Hunting & Outdoor Skills](#) workshop on the web

## 4-H Sportfishing Leader Certification Workshop – April 25-26

(Friday & Saturday) – near Lincoln, MO  
Pre-Registration by April 15  
[Sportfishing Workshop](#) on the web

## 4-H Foundation has community service grants funds

The Missouri 4-H Foundation still grant funds available for community service projects. Clubs, councils and other 4-H groups may apply for grants up to \$750.  
New clubs, organized after Sept. 1, 2007, also may apply for grants to get their group started.  
Details on 4-H Foundation grants are available on the Web:  
<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation>

## 4-H Citizenship Forum

Check with the MU Extension office in (City) for details on the 2008 Citizenship Youth Forum, June 30 to July 2, in Jefferson City. To learn about the forum, ask to see the DVD from 2007.  
The Missouri 4-H Foundation provides financial support for the citizenship forum. For more information, call xxx-xxxx or go online: [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu)

## Show Me Quality Assurance

The following is a new 4-H rule that will affect anyone planning to show livestock at the Ozark Empire Fair or Missouri State Fair.

*By June 1, 2008, all 4-H members enrolled in food animal projects (including beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of MSQA (Missouri Show Me Quality Assurance) certification to be considered a 4-H member in good standing in that project. Other county good standing guidelines may also apply. Some counties in Missouri have 2007 MSQA guidelines in effect for species other than swine. Check with your local 4-H youth specialist for current local guidelines. Food animal project members showing at the state fair in 2008 should be prepared to present their MSQA card at check-in.*

This means that when you bring your fair forms to the Extension Office to be signed you will also need to bring your MSQA card to show you have met the qualifications.

Many of you have already had this training at various regional events. For those who haven't, the training is available online at:  
<http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/>

If you do not have access to the internet at home, you are welcome to use a computer at the Extension Office. Call to set up an appointment or if you have questions.

## TAKE ACTION: Teach people what 'suddenly military' means

In April, more than 1,000 Missouri residents are being deployed. More than 850 Missouri children have a parent serving in the military overseas. Find out what it's like to have a deployed parent and raise awareness with others in your community.

**During 3,2,1...Action, April 18-20,** teens will do public service announcements about military life, military youth programs and 4-H. Teens from military families, 4-H and other youth organizations will learn how to create digital videos during the weekend event at Whiteman Air Force Base.  
For more information, contact Joan Zeller, 660-747-3193 or [zellerc@missouri.edu](mailto:zellerc@missouri.edu).

## 2008 Family Military Camp

Discover the Magic: A Harry Potter Weekend is the theme for this year's family military camp, June 27 to 29 at Camp Clover Point in Osage Beach, June 27–29. Participants will stay at "Hogwarts School" and compete for the Quidditch cup against rival houses. Camp details and registration information can be found at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu>

## Show your wares at the Missouri State Fair

- The 2nd annual Show Me 4-H Wares booth is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair. Any 4-H member who will have a project exhibited is eligible to apply.
- Youths marketing a service, such as photography or babysitting, can do so with an in-person demonstration, video or PowerPoint presentation at the booth.
- Youths selling a product may bring items to sell at the booth as well as take customer orders to fill later. The booth will be open Aug. 9, 10, 11 or 14.
- Applications require a thorough description of the product or service, a recommendation from an unrelated adult and approval of a 4-H youth specialist.
- Up to 20 participants will be selected to sell during their wares.
- Applications are due July 15. Selected youth will be notified by Aug 1.
- For an application, visit the University of Missouri Extension 4-H Web site:

## Show Me Character

### School's almost over; be responsible

- By Mary Jo Williams, State 4-H Youth Specialist
- This is a busy time for young people as the school year winds down. End-of-school activities take so much time, and many of them are fun to plan. Depending on your age, it may be time for ACT and SAT tests and finals.
- Being a person of character means you being responsible when setting priorities, studying and being prepared for exams. The results can make a big difference in your future decisions.
- Acting responsibly also means respecting your body even when you're busy. Get plenty of rest and don't forget to eat.
- As 4-H parents and volunteers, our job is to be a cheerleader and encourager. It may also mean planning fewer 4-H activities during this time so our young people don't become overloaded.
- There will be plenty of time for tons of 4-H activities when the school doors close for the summer.

## Preparing for the Fair

### Exhibits: Lots to see in a little area

When I was a Missouri 4-H member showing at the Missouri State Fair, like items – regardless of the exhibitor's county or region – were displayed together. For example, you could see 50 or more boot jacks all in one place and all of the clothing hung together. That was at a time when all exhibits in the building were judged, and displaying in this way made it easy for the judges and those setting the display areas.

In the early 1970s, judging in the building stopped, and items from one region were displayed together to provide more eye-appealing exhibit areas, assist staff in finding exhibits for fairgoers and hasten the set-up and take-down time.

Today, there are exceptions, including photography, notebooks, posters, decorated cakes, food, vegetables and live plants. These items are displayed in specially designated areas so those items are easier to see and so food and decorated cakes, which may leave grease spots or food coloring stains, don't damage other projects.

The Bakery and Farmers Market areas perhaps are questioned the most. For those who have visited the building, you will recall these items are displayed in large groups, and individual items are not identified by exhibitor. Why? Sheer numbers of items make this method necessary—consider that we receive 200-plus food exhibits and nearly 100 gardening exhibits. Many of the exhibits come with four items to a plate (four cookies, four potatoes, etc.) There simply is not room to display each plate of food or produce separately. Spoilage is an issue for both of these projects. Using the group display method allows us to remove spoiled items and still have attractive display areas for visitors who come at the end of the fair.

Exhibits are brought to the 4-H Building on the Sunday and Monday before the fair. We receive more than 4,000 exhibits each year. Staff and volunteers spend the next two days setting the display areas. We dismantle the exhibit areas in about hours, beginning at 6 p.m. on the last day, so the exhibits are ready to leave the building at 8 a.m. the next day.



## Events & Deadlines

### April

- 3 Ldrs Council Mtg** - Applications due and interviews for State 4-H Congress and MO Youth Forum
- 4-6 Shooting Sports Certification, Clarence
- 5 Webster County Trail Blazers 4-H Mtg**
- 7 Ticket orders due for 4-H Day with St. Louis Cardinals
- 8 Heartbeat 4-H Mtg**
- 15 Freedom Reins 4-H Mtg**
- 17 Country Cardinals 4-H Mtg**
- 17 Applications due for All Camps
- 19 State 4-H Horse Bowl, MU
- 20 State 4-H Hippology Contest, MU
- 23 Entries due for "Fuzzy Fools" Horse Show
- 26 Camp Counselor Training, Mt. Vernon
- 26 Achievement Day**
- 26 "Fuzzy Fools" Fun Horse Show

### May

- 1 Horse Enrollment Forms due to be extension center
- 1 Ldrs Council Mtg**
- 3 Webster County Trail Blazers 4-H Mtg**
- 10 SW Region 1 4-H Dog Show
- 13 Heartbeat 4-H Mtg**
- 15 Country Cardinals 4-H Mtg**
- 15 4-H CK's, Member & Teen Camp applic. Due
- 17 4-H Day with St. Louis Cardinals
- 20 Freedom Reins 4-H Mtg**
- 28-30 MO 4-H Dairy Cow Camp**

### June

- 4-6 State 4-H Congress, Columbia
- 7 State Poultry Extravaganza, Columbia
- 9-13 Missouri Agri-Business Academy, Kansas City
- 14 State Poultry Day
- 14-15 Clover Kids Camp 1
- 15-18 Teen Camp, Roaring River State Park, Cassville
- 18-21 Member Camp #1
- 21-22 Clover Kids Camp 2
- 21-30 Washington Focus Trip
- 22-23 Scrap Booking Camp
- 23-26 Member Camp #2
- 30-July 2 4-H Youth Forum, Jefferson City

### July

- 12 4-H Day with the Springfield Cardinals
- 14 Regional 4-H Achievement Day, OTC, Springfield
- 15 Exhibit due to Webster County Fair**
- 15 Webster County 4-H Horse Show**
- 15 Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Meet, Bois D'Arc
- 16-19 Webster County Fair**
- 23 Check in 4-H Building Exhibits at OEF
- 25-Aug. 3 Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield
- 24-27 State 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Sedalia

### August

- 7-8 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Northfork River 4-H Family Scavenger Hunt (T)
- 7-17 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia

### September

- 6 State Livestock Judging, Horse Public Speaking and Demonstrations, Columbia
- 13 State 4-H Fashion Revue, Columbia