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UPCOMING EVENTS

Leaders Council mtg	Feb 2
Teen Conf Interviews	Feb 2
Seymour 4-H club	Feb 6
Country Cardinals 4-H	Feb 6
Goat/Sheep Camp	Feb 11
Show Me Adventures	Feb 13
Heartbeat 4-H	Feb 14

Webster County Clover Sayings



FEBRUARY 2012

Dear 4-H Members, Families and Friends:

I discovered several years ago that I was not especially good at keeping a New Year's resolution, although I can always think of items that might go on such a list. In visiting with others around me, I find that I am not alone in this. Most of us have ideas we want to try, projects we want to tackle, and goals we want to meet. Each year at this time, I wonder where the time has gone, and as I look back through my calendar, I enjoy spending some time remembering the things that I have done, time spent with family and friends, and goals that I have accomplished. That sense of accomplishment and fulfillment assures me that I have had a successful year.

What do you want to accomplish this year? Do you make resolutions, or have you set any goals? Our 4-H year does not start in January, so this really is a good time to examine where we are in our project work and in our 4-H Club plans. Sometimes as we look at the calendar and at the many opportunities around us, it can be overwhelming. I am reminded of the words of Mary Poppins, "well begun is half done." If you are on track with your projects, you are well begun, if you have gotten a slow start, now is a good time to examine where you are and where you need to be.

Whether you are a Club leader, a Project leader, or a member, it might seem like there are always too many things to do and not enough time to do it. Sometimes one of the most difficult things we do is to ask for help. Another challenge is to delegate responsibilities. As we work together, we get more accomplished.

Financial advisors tell us "people don't plan to fail, they fail to plan." We can apply that thought to many areas in our lives. Sometimes we try to be active in so many good programs that we don't do our best at any of them. Sometimes we just don't "jump in" and get things done. Sometimes we don't set a goal or establish a timeline so we know when we are "done." Some have a talent for making plans and making things happen and can share their ideas with others.

As we move into this year of 2012, let's make it one of our most memorable. When we look back over the year 2012, let's plan to share that feeling of accomplishment and fulfillment that remind us of a successful year.

Have a great 4-H year!

Sincerely,

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Webster Country News

Webster County Leaders Council

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. here at the Extension Office. Next meeting will be March 1st. Each club has two votes so make sure your club representatives attend. Anyone is invited to attend.

Club Reporters

One of your duties as a reporter is to take notes at each meeting and prepare a report for the county 4-H office. Please send your club news to the 4-H office by the last day of the month so that it may be published in the 4-H Clover Sayings. You can either drop your report off at the extension office or send by mail to: Webster County 4-H, 800 S. Marshall, Marshfield, MO 65706. Please send your club news to the 4-H office so that it may be published in the Clover Sayings by the 21st of the month.

Country Cardinals 4-H - January meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

Heartbeat of the Ozarks 4-H - At our December meeting we collected food and donate \$50 to OACAC Neighborhood center for their food baskets. Some of our members went Christmas caroling at the Marshfield Nursing home with the other 4-H clubs in Webster County. January we have 6 families attend our meeting. We discussed up coming events such as Making the Best Better, County wide projects that were coming up, and dates for the year 2012. Next meeting will be Feb 14th. Everyone is asked to bring Valentine snacks.

Seymour 4-H Club - .

Show Me Adventures 4-H - January 9th, 2012 Show Me Adventurer meeting. The Show Me Adventurers are talking about adopting a highway. We discussed Achievement Day dates (April 14th and 21st). Recognition Night will be November 3rd in Seymour. The county fundraiser will be in May at the Master Gardener Show in Marshfield. We are discussing other possible fundraisers. We will share demonstrations at the next meeting. We changed our next meeting time to 6 p.m. on February 13th. - Secretary - Hope Strausbaugh

COUNTRY WIDE PROJECT MEETING DATES AND TIMES

International Foods - February 14th, right after school, Extension Office (Katie Ingalsbe)

Up coming trips and Events

Suit Up for Teen Conference! March 24-25, 2012 - Interviews Thursday night.

RATT will be March 17th and they are heading to Kansas City. Flyer should be coming out soon.

Orscheln Farm & Home 10% Off

Orscheln will give 10% off on all project supplies for 4-H and FFA members. For details and to get your discount card, see your nearest Orscheln Farm & Home.

Missouri State Fair Changes

- There will be no limit of exhibits/class for each county. **EXCEPTIONS** (based upon display space):
 - Cake decorating – no more than 6/county
 - Photography – no more than 6/county
 - Scrapbooking – no more than 4/county

Each member is still limited to two items in the 4-H building and one demonstration in the 4-H division.

- No premiums will be given for items showcased in the 4-H Building. Each exhibitor will receive a State Fair purple ribbon. If the State Fair 4-H budget allows, there will be an increase in the demonstration premium.
- Meats project
 - Cured hams - minimum weight 12 pounds with no maximum limit
 - Bacon project class added
- Livestock division rules and policy has been updated. Check the state fair website as fair time approaches.

REGIONAL NEWS

Making the Best Better, January 28th

SW Region Barn Warming - February 18, 6-9 p.m. Springfield Livestock Center .

CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Alison Copeland

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.

Snowflake Impressions

Materials

A large piece of glass (an 8" x 10" picture frame works well)

Can of hair spray

Magnifying glass

Falling snow

Directions:

Chill the glass and the hair spray before doing this activity. Putting both in the freezer for about an hour before this activity works well. While snow is falling, take the glass and hair spray outside. Hold the can about 10 inches away from the glass and spray it with a quick sweeping motion. Spray from side to side once, then up and down. Use very little spray; only spray 1-2 seconds. Collect some snowflakes on the sprayed glass. Go back indoors and let the glass dry for 15 -20 minutes. Ice crystals should have formed on the glass. Look at the results with a magnifying glass.



PROJECT INFORMATION



PROJECT RESOURCES AVAILABLE ONLINE Leaders and 4-H members, check out the project resources on the Missouri 4-H website under Projects at <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/>.



Under Projects are project briefs that also contain ideas for demonstrations, community service, etc.

Attention Project Leaders

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Sportfishing Leader Requirements - Modified

In response to a lack of success in recruiting volunteers to attend the Sportfishing Certification workshops, an alternative is being developed. The first step for approval to serve as a 4-H Sportfishing Leader is to request/read the Sportfishing Leader Module. That module contains basic project information, leader expectations, a test, forms and a memorandum of agreement. Volunteers completing this process will be approved to lead a 4-H Sportfishing program. The leader approval process will continue to be developed and modifications made as needed.

Interested volunteers can access the module on the Missouri 4-H Sportfishing webpage at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/sportfishing>.

Beef Resources

Those interested in the beef project should check out two web resources.

- YouTube videos part 1 and 2: Lowstress halter breaking cattle
- Reasons Terminology for Breeding Cattle

Both can be found on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects1.htm#Beef>

COMMUNITY SERVICE FORMS REMINDER – Prepare for next year!

Our 4-H members provide outstanding community service within their communities. We recognize this achievement each year with a certificate award. In order to participate in this award, we need to receive a Youth Service to Communities form (LG760) filled out for your 4-H club. In order to process and mail certificates in time for achievement day events, we need the forms returned by September 15 each year. Start tracking your progress for next year's awards!

The form can be found in the back of the Clover or can be filled out electronically using the form on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/> (look for form LG760). Be sure you have included the county, number of members, and the number of youth and adults involved in each service project.

STATE AND EVENT NEWS

4-H and the Essential Elements

Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity

4-H is designed to support the positive and successful development of youth, and 4-H volunteers are essential part-ners in that process. There are also key components in 4-H programs, referred to as essential elements, that ensure that we stay on target. These Essential elements are Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity. Because these are so key to the success of 4-H, the next few newsletters are going to contain information about these key areas. Last month we gave an overview of the four Essential Elements. This month we explore Belonging in more detail.

Belonging—Youth need to know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection to others in the group. This sense of connection has always been an important part of 4-H. 4-H gives young people the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively participating in a group. Current research emphasizes the importance for youth to have opportunities for long-term relationships with adults other than parents. This research suggests that a sense of belonging may be the single most powerful positive ingredient we can add into the lives of children and youth. The club and project leaders can fill this key role for our 4-H youth. How many of us remember the impact a 4-H volunteer had on us as children?



Working in clubs through 4-H strengthens and reinforces social skills that will allow youth to work in teams and thrive with others in society. Success in life rarely comes to an individual without teamwork and communication with others. 4-H members learn early on the value of cooperation in their project work and activities. 4-H is designed to emphasize the development of social skills and other life skills that will help our members succeed as adults.

In the next newsletter, we will look at Mastery in more depth. If you would like more information on this topic, the National 4-H Headquarters website is a wealth of information on the subject, and much of what is written above is from the article linked here:

http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library /4h_environment.pdf

Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest and Workshop

The following link will provide the informational brochure/entry forms for the Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest and Workshop that will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012
<http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/livestockgrading.php>

Advisors or Project Leaders must specify which participants, in groups of 4, should be placed on teams. Any remaining participants will be scored as individuals only. If not designated by Advisor or Project Leader, teams will be assigned and set randomly. **NO Registration will be accepted after February 10, 2012. There will be no exceptions to this date.**

Registration forms are fillable printable PDF forms. Payment MUST accompany registration form. Methods of payment are: Check, Money Order, or Credit Cards can be accepted over phone in conjunction with faxed/emailed registration forms (cash and purchase orders will no longer be accepted).

We look forward to your support and participation in these educational activities. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Wilkinson at 573/522-1534 or by e-mail at sarah.wilkinson@mda.mo.gov

STATE AND EVENT NEWS

4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop - March 30 - April 1—Camp JoOta, Clarence

Registration fee: \$60—Pre-registration required by March 15th

NRA Certification is offered as an additional option to those taking Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun training. NRA Certification begins at 12 noon—Friday, March 30. \$50 additional fee for NRA.

Details and registration form is available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm> Here is direct link to the pdf of info and registration.

Advanced Shotgun Clinic March 3-4 University of Central Missouri – Farm Warrensburg, MO

This is a hands-on clinic/workshop conducted by the Missouri 4-H state instructors. Learn the ins and outs of the various shotgun events. Learn rules, procedures, coaching techniques and how best to instruct/assist your 4-H shooters. This will truly be “Learn by Doing” as participants will actually shoot each game and receive instruction in these events.

The clinic will cover:

Skeet – Trap - Clays

Coaching – moving beyond basic instruction

Learn the shotgun games –

Learn How to Teach the shotgun games

Limited to 15 students – minimum of 10

Pre-registration due by: February 25

More details and registration form available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports web page: <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

Travel and Hosting Opportunity - Minnesota Exchange 2012-2013

If you are looking for an opportunity to try hosting a 4-H member but aren't ready to commit to a summer or semester, then do we have a deal for you! Southwest Missouri has an opportunity to participate in an exchange with a county in Minnesota. Plans would be to host Minnesota 4-H'ers during July 2012, and we would travel to Minnesota during July 2013. Our Minnesota friends would be staying with us for approximately 5 nights. Details of the trip are still being planned, but if you would like to know more, plan to attend a session at Making the Best Better on January 28 in Neosho

State Congress May 30 – June 1, 2012

Registration Fee: \$160.00 (includes housing, meals, workshop fees, t-shirt) No on-site fees are to be paid. Due in the County 4-H Office by **April 1, 2012**.



Missouri 4-H Equine Trip

They're off and running...to the horse capital of the world... Lexington, Kentucky! 4-H teens dreaming of an equine related career will want to participate in the Sixth Annual Missouri 4-H Equine Tour, **May 23-29, 2012**.

The tour begins at the Keeneland Race track catching the early morning ‘breezing’ of the horses and a day at the Kentucky Horse Park, the premier international equestrian facility. Participants will explore the wide range of equine industry opportunities through visits to world renowned equine medical and research facilities. The itinerary will include farm tours of famous Thoroughbreds, Saddlebreds, Morgans, Quarter Horses and Haflingers. Higher education equine programs and facilities such as the University of Kentucky will be visited as well as opportunities to meet nationally recognized leaders in the equine industry. And, of course, the tour will include a visit to Churchill Downs!

Make your plans to be in the winner's circle! The \$550 tour fee includes the transportation on a charter bus, tours, hotels, meals; tour t-shirt, travel bag and other associated costs. Applications are available at 4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are **due to the Extension office February 15, 2012** with initial deposit. 4-H staff and Marci Crosby, MU Equine Program Coordinator will be 2012 tour chaperones. Questions? Contact Debbie Davis at davisdd@missouri.edu or 816-539-3765.

STATE TRIPS AND EVENTS

Annual State Horse Judging Contest

Each year the State 4-H hosts the horse judging contest to pick the top junior team, top 10 juniors age 8 – 10 and senior team in the state. The top senior county team selected at this contest will represent Missouri 4-H at the National Contest in Louisville, KY. In addition to awarding the top junior and top senior teams medals, we also award the top ten individuals with certificates and give belt buckles to the top junior, top 10 juniors age 8 -10 and top senior individual. Members do not have to be placed on teams but they do have to be divided by age (Junior by Jan 1; 13 and under and by Jan 1; Senior 14 older) on the registration form. Counties have no limit on entries. We will use the computer to pick your top members as your county team which will include 3 plus an alternate.

Date: March 17, 2012

Where: Trowbridge Livestock Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus

Who: All regular 4-Hers (not Clover Kids) interested in a horse judging contest are invited.

Time: Check in of those pre-registered will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the event beginning at 9 a.m. and normally finished by 4:00 p.m. Youth must pre-register. Pre-registered youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc.

Cost: \$15 per individual. There is no fee for parents or leaders to watch.

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2012. Registration forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension Center.

NEW for 2012 - 4-H Horse Judging Clinic

Do you have members who would like to learn more about horse judging? Sometimes kids aren't quite ready to compete but they need to stretch their comfort zone just a tad. What about considering a hands-on horse judging clinic on campus? As a parent or leader, would you like to learn more about horse judging? Read on if this sounds interesting. We are offering a "how to judge horses" clinic taught by Karen Craighead, adjunct professor at Stephens College. To be efficient, this opportunity is at the same time and the same day as the horse judging contest in a different section of Trowbridge Livestock Center. Just to be clear, members must choose to be in either the contest or clinic but can't do both since they are held at the same time. There is no limit on the number of members a county enters in the clinic.

Date: March 17, 2012

Where: Sales arena in the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus

Who: All regular 4-Hers (not Clover Kids) and parents/leaders interested in learning about horse judging are invited.

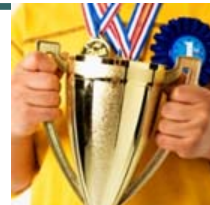
Time: Youth must pre-register. Check in will begin at 9 a.m. The Judging Clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a 30 minute break for lunch about noon and ending by 1:30 p.m. Youth will have "how to" instruction in the morning and give one set of reasons after lunch. Pre-registered youth will receive an information letter with maps, details, etc.

Cost: \$5 per individual. There is no fee for parents or leaders who want to sit in and learn.

Lunch for paid youth participants will be provided: There is a food stand for parents to purchase lunch or bring your own lunch.

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2012. Registration forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension Center or online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#judgingclinic>.

NOW is the time to get familiar and get started on awards and recognition! The following pages outline the opportunities for awards and recognition at the county, regional and state levels. The opportunities are yours to take, but nothing is required! Take a moment to review the information now so that you will be prepared at the end of the year in August. If you have any questions, let us know!



Webster County 4-H Awards and Recognition

At the end of the 4-H year which runs September 1 thru August 30, 4-H members are eligible for club, county and state level awards and recognition. Below is a list of the awards currently available and the requirements for each award.

ALL award applications, record books, project forms, etc, turned in for judging must be the youth's OWN work.

Forms completed by parents will *not* be accepted. Forms for awards are due toward the end of August (a specific due date is communicated in the summer), but it is important to work on them *throughout the program year* as the forms are tools for learning, and a reflection of the learning process and progress during the 4-H year.

Framework for Awards and Recognition:

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY, AREA & STATE EVENTS

Participation in certain events including the county fair and others is limited to those members who are in "good standing" with their local 4-H club. This includes submission of enrollment forms and membership files on or before Jan 1 of the current 4-H year and meeting other requirements established by the club, county and/or state (i.e. age, ownership dates, etc.) (NOTE: It is important that clubs make certain that their members are aware of club rules at the beginning of the 4-H year. A club member who is in danger of falling out of good standing should be warned once and encouraged to participate through the remainder of the year.)

To be eligible to exhibit items at the County fair as a 4-H member, a member must have turned in their enrollment forms by Jan 1 of the current 4-H year and attended at least four 4-H club meetings by Exhibit Day. A club may require members to attend more meetings if they wish.

To qualify for State contest participation, youth must have attended at least 50% of club meetings prior to the time of the contest.

"Good standing" – 4-H member has attended at least one over half of all club meetings for the 4-H year. One exception is allowable for first year members, where good standing is determined by the date of their enrollment. 4-H'ers are required to be in good standing to represent 4-H at county/regional/state fairs, county/regional/state competitions and other events.

Club Level Awards

Clubs can designate awards for their members at the club level. Check with your club leader for details

County Level Awards

Clover Kid/Member Recognition

Year Completion Award: Be in good standing with club and turn in at least one Project Record form with story and pictures (as indicated on the form). 4-H Members are eligible for this award. Clover Kids will receive this award as long as they are in good standing and are not required to complete any paperwork. Club leaders will be asked to verify which members are in good standing. Project Record forms should be obtained from the club leader, project leader and/or 4-H faculty/staff at the start of the 4-H year (in September/October) to work on throughout the 4-H year. **Deadline 8/31/12.**

Project Completion Certificate and Project Completion Award: Completed Project Record forms will be judged and each project record will receive a medal. 4-H Members are eligible for this award. Project Record forms should be obtained from the club leader, project leader and/or 4-H faculty/staff at the start of the 4-H year (in September/October) to work on throughout the 4-H year. **Deadline 8/31/12.**

County Honor Award: 4-H Members and Clover Kids in good standing that have filled out the Webster County 4-H Honor Award Application and have met all of the requirements are eligible for this award. Form should be obtained from the club leader at the state of the 4-H year. **Deadline 8/31/12.**

Officer Awards: Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Historians are eligible. Club Record Books are turned in to the county office in August and an award is given to the outstanding club officer in each of these officer positions. **Deadline 8/31/12.**

New Award—Outstanding Member Awards: 4-H Members are eligible for this distinction. To apply, complete the Missouri 4-H Recognition Form (See State Awards for details). The forms are scored according to a scoring rubric. A special achievement award is presented to the Outstanding Level 1 (age 8-10), Outstanding Level 2 (age 11-13), and Outstanding Level 3 (age 14 and up). All forms are due in August. Missouri 4-H Recognition forms should be obtained from the club leader and/or 4-H faculty/staff at the start of the 4-H year (in September/October) to work on throughout the 4-H year. These forms are also judged for consideration at Regional and State level recognition (see State Awards section for details). **Deadline 8/31/12.**

Volunteer Certificate & Pin: Given to approved volunteer project and/or club leaders. A pin is provided for 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th year volunteers.

STATE AWARDS

State Excellence Awards (Missouri 4-H Recognition Forms)

Level 1

- 4-H members who are between 8 and 10 years old on December 31 of the program year are eligible.
- Complete Y2000, Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Level 1
- Submit form to county local extension office by the locally established date - **August 31, 2012.**
- Extension regions will review applications.
- Up to five applications submitted from regional review may be forwarded to the state 4-H office.
- Written applications received at the state level will not be returned. Each applicant will receive a certificate and medal of excellence and a \$50 camp scholarship.

Level 2

- 4-H members who are between 11 and 13 years old on December 31 of the program year are eligible.
- Complete Y2100, Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Level 2.
- Submit form to your county extension office by the locally established date. **August 31, 2012.**
- Extension regions will review written applications.
- Up to three applications submitted from regional review may be forwarded to the state 4-H office.
- Applicants going on to the State Level will receive a scholarship to attend State 4-H Teen Conference or State Congress.

Level 3

- 4-H members who are between 14 and 18 years old on December 31 of the program year are eligible. 4-H members who submit their applications in the fall the year they turn 19 may have their applications considered at regional and state review the following year.
- Complete Y2200, Missouri 4-H Recognition Form Level 3
- Submit form to your local extension office by the locally established date. **August 31, 2012.**
- Extension regions will review written applications and interview applicants.
- Eight or 30% of the total applications submitted for regional review may be forwarded to the state 4-H office prior to April 1.
- Written applications are reviewed at the state level.
- Up to 30 applicants are invited to interview during State 4-H Congress.
- National 4-H Congress is a premier 4-H event held in late November. Participant experiences include leadership, service, and cultural opportunities. Up to 20 applicants are selected as delegates to National 4-H Congress.

National Leadership award (formerly I Dare You) and the Huff Memorial Award

The National Leadership award honors extraordinary young people for their character, citizenship and leadership. The award is an ideal way to recognize established leaders as well as those youth whose talents and potential are sometimes overlooked. Youth ages 15-18 who have completed their freshman year in high school are eligible to apply. The award application is submitted through the county extension center.

Award recipients receive a personalized award certificate, a copy of William H. Danforth's classic motivational book *I Dare You!*, are eligible to attend the American Youth Foundation's Leadership Conference, and are eligible to apply for the "I Dare You" scholarship.

Both awards use the same application form.

Key Award - The Key Award, the highest 4-H award a 4-H member can receive, recognizes 4-H members who have achieved significant leadership at the club or group, community and state levels. The Key Award is a prestigious award rewarding 4-H members for their hard work and accomplishments as well as the contribution they have made to the overall 4-H program.

The objective of the Key Award is to encourage the growth of Missouri youth in the areas of leadership, community service, project excellence and personal growth which are contributing factors to the development of outstanding citizens.

Eligibility

- Ages 14 to 18 years old on December 31 of the program year
- 4-H member for at least one year
- Worked with an adult mentor (preferably an adult that is not the members parent or guardian)

Application process

- Visit with your 4-H youth development specialist or youth education assistant.
- Select an adult mentor who will support your work and help document your efforts.
- When you and your mentor agree that you have completed at least one section (for example, leadership), submit the documentation for the corresponding section of the Y2300, Missouri 4-H Key Award Application.
- Submit the section to your local extension office by the locally established date. You will do the same for each section upon completion.
- Members will receive a medallion upon completion for each section: leadership, community service, project excellence and personal growth.
- Members will receive the Missouri 4-H Key award and certificate when all four criteria sections have been completed. The mentor will receive a 4-H Key award mentor pin.

Volunteers can be recognized for the following awards: Frank Graham award, Naomi Crouch award, and Nelson Trickey Bridge Builder award. The [Missouri 4-H Foundation](#) has more information and applications for these awards.