Event Applications/Calendar online at: http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

4-H Camp apps.—DUE May 6
Camp #1 dates are during the week of June 1-4. Camp #2 dates are during the week of June 8-11. Cost will be $110. Applications are online. http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

Show Stock Clinic
Date: Saturday, April 11
Where: N. MO Lvst. Auction—Milan
Schedule: Registration, 8-8:45
           Clinic, 9 am—1 pm
Species: Meat Goats, Mkt. Lambs, Mkt. Swine, Beef, Bucket Calves.
Topics: Selection, Showmanship, Nutrition, Housing, Handling, Health, Show Ring Ethics
Live animals on hand for practice, give-a-ways!
Early Reg: $10/person postmarked by 4/1
Late Reg: $12/person (including day of event)
Lunch provided for youth, additional $5 for parents.
Registration form online at: extension.missouri.edu/livingston/events.aspx

Litton Center Animal Pens
Interested in housing animals at the Litton Center?
Contact Lance Martin at 646-3131 or lmartin@grts.org for more info.

April
4    Chillicothe Pig Sale, 2 pm
11   Show Stock Clinic, Milan
15   State 4-H Congress apps. DUE
24   Ravenwood Shoot DUE
30   Deadline to sign up for Move Across MO

May
1    Starter Flock Grants must be postmarked
2    Ravenwood Shoot; reg. DUE April 24
6    4-H Camp apps. DUE
16   Swine DNA Cards DUE to Lance Martin
     4-H Day with the Cardinals
16-17 Pig and Lamb Show, Chillicothe Fairgrounds
23   Joyce Hall’s Retirement Open House, 4-6 pm
23-29 Equine Trip
30   Livingston Contest Day
     Andrew County Shooting Sports Contest

June
1-4  4-H Camp Crowder, week 1—Trenton
3-5  State 4-H Congress, Columbia
8-11 4-H Camp Crowder, week 2—Trenton
10   Fair Royalty entries DUE

July
10-17 Livingston County Fair

Contest Day is May 30th
Challenge your CLUB!
Challenge YOURSELF!
Many people will be going to state with public speaking and demonstrations, will you be one of them??

Members in Good Standing
Members, now is the time to make sure you are getting enough meetings to qualify to show at the fair and participate in other activities like camp this summer. Per council guidelines, members must attend at least 1/2 of club meetings (typically 6) to be a member in good standing. Questions? Contact your club leader or contact the office.
Fair Royalty Info—Women Agri Leaders
The Fair Royalty Contests are almost here. Nominees from each club will fill out the application on the Women Agri-Leaders website (www.chilliwomenag.weebly.com).

The application deadline is June 10th. Each club is allowed one (1) contestant in each of the Clover Princess, Jr. Princess and Princess contests. Clubs having 50 or more members are allowed two (2) contestants in each of the princess contests. Contestants shall be of the following age for each contest by the contest date (July 11, 2015):
Princess: 14 – 16 years of age
Jr. Princess: 11 – 13 years of age
Clover: 8 – 10 years of age (cannot be a CLOVER KID—must be a full 4-H member)

Each club can have (3) contestants for the Queen contest. Queen Contestants should be not less than 17 or more than 22 years old by the contest date (July 11, 2015) and can be a former 4-H member. A scholarship is awarded to the winning queen.

Candidates will need to be available Saturday, July 11th (date of contest), Sunday, July 12th (date of coronation), and the entire week of the fair (July 13th-17th). Leader information letters will be sent soon, but if you have any questions you can contact Women Agri Leaders at chilliwomenag@gmail.com.

Livingston County Dog Care Practice—March 30
First meeting will be March 30th from 5:30—6:30, all 1st—3rd year members should be present. (March 30 meeting without dogs—will be ordering leads and dumbbells, so bring money to purchase). Another meeting will be held April 3rd from 5:30-6:30.

Instructor: Pam Taylor, dragonfly_p67@hotmail.com

Livingston County Horse Practice
2nd and 4th Fridays starting April 106:30 pm—?
Bring signed waiver to practice, go to: http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/4-HScholarships.aspx

Questions? Contact the office at 646-0811.

Happy April Birthdays!

Chloe Wenzel 1  Kaelyn Potts 10  Morgan Brockmeier 22
Ellie Barnett 1  Abbey Hayen 12  Bryton BeVelle 23
Kylier Sturgeon 1  Victoria O’Dell 12  Shellby Copple 23
Joselyn Alkire 2  Maximus Herring 15  Hannah Haakonstad 24
Lainey Thompson 2  Kortney Nelson 17  Jaylyn Broyles 25
Mollie Ellis 4  Lyndsey Todd 17  Beau Graves 26
Remington Rhodes 5  Peyton Hein 18  Harlee Beck 26
Corbin Potts 7  RyLee Stover 19  Jeri Hussey 26
Brooklynn Alvarez 8  Aubrey Young 20  Jolie Bonderer 27
Mariah Fox 8  Raegan Young 20  Sadie Bonderer 28
Tyler Jacobs 8  Ada Fox 22  Lydia Bonderer 29
Carter Rader 9  Kyle Hansen 22  Sarah Hall 29
Maggie Horton 22

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STATE CONGRESS

June 3-5; registration DUE April 15. Ages 14 and older
For more information and to register online, go to:

http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/

What You’ll Do at State 4-H Congress

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living – residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!
- Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri…and HAVE FUN!

Missouri Sheep Producers to Offer Another Round of Starter Flock Grants

In an effort to promote the sheep industry to Missouri’s youth, MSP has initiated a starter flock grant program. This year marks the seventh year MSP has offered this program with nine grants being awarded. The deadline of May 1 is fast approaching for submittal of the 2015 applications. This year MSP has teamed up with FCS Financial to offer up to three $600 starter flock grants to 4H or FFA youth to purchase ewes.

Grant eligibility, requirements and applications can be viewed and downloaded from the MSP webpage at www.missourisheep.com. Questions can be directed to Scott Kaden at rollakadens@embarqmail.com or 573-578-9801. Applications must be postmarked by May 1 and mailed to:

Scott Kaden
15850 CR 7200
Rolla, MO 65401

Livingston County Extension Office Manager Opening

Livingston County Extension Council is seeking a professional, friendly and organized individual to perform customer service, bookkeeping, website updates, and other office duties in support of the council and MU Extension staff. 35 hrs./week, $10/hour. Additional benefits may be available. For details, requirements & application visit http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston/, call 660/646-0811, or email trusselljl@missouri.edu. EEO/AA/ADA Employer

KNOW THE SOURCE 2015

The show wether programs of Faith Genetics and SHAG Family Farm are proud to announce their 10th annual wether sale on Saturday April 11th, 2015. Know The Source 2015 will be held at the Steve Haley farm west of Chillicothe, Missouri at 1:00 PM. Approximately 30 wethers and select does will be available on sale day.

Past KTS purchases have taken their new owners to the top of many county fairs across the state of Missouri and regularly place in the top three at the Missouri State Fair year after year.

Please contact Stanton Warren at 660.973.4628, Steve Haley at 660.646.9072 or “friend” Stanton or Steve on Facebook!

Need 4-H Curriculum? The Extension Office has a library of curriculum available for checkout! Contact the office or stop by for more information.

FACEBOOK USERS - Join “Livingston 4-H (Missouri)” for up to the minute updates on 4-H events and happenings. Check out State Fair happenings and pictures from summer events!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/124595659892/
Shooting Sports Practice Schedules

Practice dates have been set. Remember that to participate in the fair shoot, you must complete 10 hrs. practice prior to the county shoot. **Be sure to thank our leaders for volunteering!**

**Archery**—at the Litton Ag Center—Saturday’s 2-4:00 or Monday’s 5:30-7:30—April 12, 14, 19, 21, May 10, 12, 24, 26, June 7, 9, 21, 23, 28 and Fair Shoot July 13th

**BB/Pellet & Smallbore**—at the David Beck Farm—4:30-6:30—Saturday’s—April 12, 19, May 10, 24, June 7, 21, 28 and Fair Shoot July 13th

**Shotgun**—April 30, Mary 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2 and Fair Shoot—July 9th. All at Pin Oak Hill Game Management—Bogard

**Western Heritage & Cowboy Shooting**—at the David Beck Farm—5:30-7:30 (Thursdays) April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 15, 29, June 12, 26.

Shooting Sports Contests

**Ravenwood Shooting Sports Contest**
Saturday, May 2
Deadline for registration will be April 24

**Andrew County Shooting Sports Contest**
Saturday, May 30

Shooting Sports Calendar/Gun Raffle

Missouri 4-H is again partnering with the Missouri Friends of the NRA in a giant raffle/fundraiser. Last year, more than $98,000 was raised for Missouri 4-H. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be split 50/50 between 4-H and the NRA Foundation (MO Friends of NRA Committee). The raffle is for 104 guns to be given away during the year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016) – two per week. The calendars actually serve as the raffle tickets and are sold for $50 each. Photos of Missouri 4-Hers are featured on 8 of the monthly pages. **Our shooting sports program should expect to receive about $15 for each calendar sold.**

Livingston County youth have ordered 50 calendars to sell—contact the office for more information.
MISSOURI SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE (SMQA)

By June 1st, 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 SMQA certification to be considered in good standing. Youth must attend 2 consecutive years between the ages 8-13 and once after age 14. So How Do I Complete SMQA?

Complete online certification at: http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

4-H/FFA OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

One of the objectives in owning an animal is to learn new skills in animal breeding, feeding, management and health. To accomplish this, the member should secure the animal as early in the year as possible. Livestock shows and exhibitions set up minimum dates for length of ownership necessary for exhibiting.

Beef Cattle  Steers 3/1  Breeding Animals 6/1
Sheep  Breeding Animals 7/1  Market Lambs 6/1
Swine  Breeding Gilts 90 days
Breeding Boars  Since farrowing  Market Hogs 5/1
Goats  Dairy Goats - 6/1  Meat Goats - 6/1
Dogs - 4/1
Horses - 5/1
Rabbits - 6/1  Meat pen 5-10 weeks prior to show
Poultry - 6/1  Meat pen 8-10 weeks prior to show

Swine DNA Cards

DNA cards for the state fair are now $3. DNA cards are necessary for animals to be considered for Breed Champion or Grand Champion in the division. Market Barrows must have been owned solely by the youth Exhibitor by May 1, 2014. Please pick up cards from the Chillicothe Ag Dept. (646-3131) and return by May 10 to the Ag Department.

Interest-Free Funding Available for 4-H and FFA projects

FCS Financial is launching a new agricultural youth funding program to assist Missouri 4-H and FFA members with their agricultural projects. The agreement provides interest-free funding for qualifying projects, is available to all 4-H and FFA members in the association’s lending service area and is repayable within one year. “Missouri is home to more than 105,000 4-H members and supports 324 FFA chapters consisting of 25,000 students,” says Scott Gardner, FCS Financial Marketing and Sales Vice President. “There is no better way to prepare these future farmers and ranchers for their career in agriculture than providing financial assistance and education at this point in their lives.”

FCS Financial will require a detailed projected cash flow as part of the application process. If approved for funding, the applicant must keep accurate records available for FCS Financial to review throughout the term of the agreement.

Available funding is based on FCS Financial’s capital and, in 2014, $300,000 has been reserved for the program. Funds are available for one project per year, per student. For more details or to apply, visit www.myfcsfinancial or contact your local FCS Financial office.
You’re invited to an Open House in honor of Joyce Hall’s retirement from Extension!

When:  Thursday, April 23 from 4 pm—6 pm
Where:  Livingston County Extension Office (2881 Grand Dr.)

Join us as we celebrate Joyce’s dedication of over 22 years of service to Extension and 4-H!

Check out the county web page:
http://extension.missouri.edu/livingston

For the newsletter, entry forms, and other 4-H information.