Dear 4-H Families;

I hope everyone is doing well, learning, exploring new skills and diving into your 4-H projects! I am so pleased to see on social media, the welding projects, sewing, quilting, livestock, and photography projects underway. Now is the time to kick it in high gear. Competitions and fairs will be here before you know it.

County Fashion Revue has been scheduled for April 9 and Achievement Day for April 30. I would love to see a huge number of participants at these events. Fashion Revue of course is for youth enrolled in Clothing projects, quilting, knitting and crochet.

Achievement Day is for all 4-H youth and gives them the opportunity to share what they learned through a demonstration, judging, public speaking or personal development.

If you are a new family and have questions about any upcoming event, or anything related to 4-H, please call the Extension Office and talk to Mike or I, emailing us is another quick way to get answers. Also, talk to your club leaders. They have a wealth of knowledge and are so willing to share and guide you through. Don’t get overwhelmed, it takes a good year to learn all the opportunities available.

I am excited about this new year and all the possibilities to learn and grow. I pray you stay strong, healthy. Keep setting goals and work diligently towards reaching them.

Sincerely yours,

Lynda DuMond, 4-H Youth Associate
The Crossroads 4-H Club held a meeting on December 10 at Crossroads Baptist Church. We discussed the important upcoming January events. Hats and gloves were donated by Crosslines and given to the Longview HeadStart kids as a Christmas gift. To close, we enjoyed soda and cookies provided by the Garnett family. We hope that everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Katrina Eubanks, Reporter

The Cornerstone 4-H Club met on January 4, 2016 at the Southwest City Library. Brandie Keith called the meeting to order. There were 14 members, 2 leaders, and 14 others present. Tatum led the American pledge, while Treasure led the 4-H pledge. The minutes were read and approved by Tatum and seconded by Brittany. In Old Business we talked about our fundraiser to sell donuts and plants with the school. In New Business some members need to update their profile on the computer and we talked about helping those affected by the flood in the county. Making the Best Better will be January 23 at Crowder College. The next cooking class will be on the 11th at 4:00 and the sewing class will be on the 18th at 6:00. The meeting was adjourned and the members enjoyed snacks brought by Brittany. The next meeting will be on February 1 at 6:15. Maelee will give a demonstration and Sydney will bring snacks.

Macy Reece, Reporter

ATTENTION: Club Reporters:

Send your 4-H Club news to:

Lynda DuMond at dumondl@missouri.edu

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County Fashion Revue
Our County Fashion Revue will be held on April 9, 2016 at the Seneca Christian Church. Judging will begin at 9:00 AM and the show will follow at 2:00 PM. If you are enrolled in Clothing, Clothes You Buy, Quilting, Knitting or Crochet projects you will receive a registration for this in the mail. Registrations are due March 3.

County Achievement Day
Are you Ready? You have time to practice and prepare for the annual County Achievement Day to be held on Saturday, April 30. This is where 4-H youth compete in demonstrations, judging, public speaking, and personal development. Let's see a record number of youth participate in this event where you can polish your life skills and improve your 'game'!

REGIONAL NEWS

Regional Rep. Interviews
Horse Quiz Bowl
Interviews will take place on February 27 at MSU, Darr Center. Regional Horse Bowl will also take place on this date at MSU. County teams from all over the SW Region will be competing at Horse Bowl.

4-H Camp
It will be here before you know it! SW Region 4-H Camp at Camp Smokey—Roaring River, Cassville, MO. Dates confirmed for camp are as follows:
- Alumni Camp June 11-12
- Member's Camp 1 June 12-15
- Member's Camp 2 June 15-18
- CK Camp June 18-19
- Teen Camp June 19-23
Camp is always a highlight of the summer for 4-H members. Hold the date and plan to attend. More camp details to come soon!

STATE NEWS

4-H Day With the Cardinals
Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 21, 2016 for the 15th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The National League Central Champion Cardinals will be playing the Arizona Diamondbacks in a 1:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be $25.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front. Registrations due April 11. See enclosed ticket order form.

State 4-H Congress
It will be here before you know it! This year State 4-H Congress will be held on June 1-3, 2016. Registrations will open in 4honline on March 1, 2016. Deadline for registration will be April 15. This event is designed for Missouri 4-Her's ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements Congress and it is held on the University of Missouri campus.

4-H Foundation Scholarships
In 2016 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer approximately 54 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/. Check with your local Extension office for the local application due date. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by April 1, 2016.
Parent’s 4-H Pledge

I pledge my HEAD to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly, and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my HEART to encourage and support my child no matter is he/she has successes or disappointments.

I pledge my HANDS to help my child’s club. If I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my HEALTH to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child’s club, our community, our country and our world.