Take time to work— it is the price of success.
Take time to think— it is the source of power.
Take time to play— it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read— it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to be friendly— it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream— it is the center of innovation.
Take time to laugh— it is healing to the soul.

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CLUB NEWS

The Cornerstone 4-H Club met on June 6 at John Adams’ Cattle Ranch. Brandie Keith called the meeting to order. There were 7 members, 2 leaders, and 3 others present. The American pledge was led by all as well as the 4-H pledge. The treasurer’s report was read and approved by Lindsey and seconded by Tyler. The Secretary’s report was read and approved by Brittany. In Old Business the club discussed the grant that we applied for that we would use to plant flowers at the Senior Center. In New Business the youth float trip to pick up trash along the river was discussed, clean-up days for the fair, and getting projects ready for the fair was also talked about. The meeting was adjourned and kids were shown the proper way to groom their animals for the fair.

Macy Reece, Reporter

Community Service in SWC

The Cornerstone 4-H Club received a $500 ‘Shaping Rural Missouri’ grant from FCS. The funds were used to beautify the grounds around the Southwest City Senior Center. Good job, Cornerstone 4-H! The flower beds look beautiful and we know the community is enjoying them.
**ATTENTION: Club Reporters:**
Send your 4-H Club news to:

Lynda DuMond at dumondl@missouri.edu

Or mail to: P.O. Box 336–Pineville, MO 64856

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**COUNCIL NEWS**

**YCLS Float Trip**
Our Youth Civic Leaders Team is looking forward to their community service project on July 13, floating and cleaning trash out of Elk River. Thanks to River Ranch in Noel for the contribution of canoes and to all of you who will be working with us. There will be details how well we did published in your August news. We are expecting a great turn out, great fun and a lot accomplished.

**McDonald County Fair**
The fair will be here before you know it! I am looking forward to seeing your projects, livestock as well as, indoor exhibits. Let’s make it a goal to fill our 4-H area! See you at the McDonald County Fair–July 21-23. Remember, there will be a set up day the Monday before the fair on July 18 and a clean up on Monday after the fair on July 25. 4-H families work the cook shark on Saturday. Be sure to sign up for your work time with Shelley Paul on Monday during set up. THANKS!

**County Wide Fun Day**
The McDonald County 4-H Council would like to invite you and your family to a fun day at “High Rise” in Rogers, Arkansas on August 3. The Council will be hosting and paying for all the members’ entry feed into this trampoline indoor park. There will be drinks and snacks provided as well. We will be meeting at New Life Church between Pineville and Anderson on Hwy 59 at 9:00 AM. To learn more about the park go to highrise.us. The 4-H Council has had very successful fund raising events and our families worked hard to make them happen. This event is for our 4-H families to connect and have a fun day together.

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**REGIONAL NEWS**

**Ozark Empire Fair**
Ozark Empire Fair in Springfield will be held on July 28 to August 6. Blue ribbon quality indoor exhibits from our county will be transported to Springfield on July 26 and judged on July 27. If you would like to volunteer as a judge at OEF please call the extension office. All OEF exhibits will leave the Newton County Extension Office on Tuesday, July 25 at 8:00 AM. If you have baked goods or perishables that qualify, you need to have them returned before then. We are always proud of the exhibits we have to show from McDonald and Newton County. Looking forward to seeing what you have for us this year!

**Regional Achievement Day**
Regional Achievement Day will be held at Ozark Empire Fair on August 1. If you Qualified at the County Level in Public Speaking, Personal Development, Demonstrations, or Judging contact the Extension Office to register.

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**Learning, By Doing!**
Tell me and I may forget.
Show me and I may not understand.
Involve me and I will certainly remember, understand, and learn!
Greetings Families!

Once again it is that time of year, the time we all love regardless of the hot, long days, dust, heat and sweat. It’s FAIR TIME.

I encourage you to be actively involved by:

♦ Bringing exhibits (these do not have to be livestock) indoor exhibits can be from any project.
♦ Visiting the fair and looking at the exhibits.
♦ Talking with our young exhibitors and learn about their project(s).
♦ Eating the delicious food from a vendor or the cook shack.
♦ Volunteer to work in the cookshack.
♦ Watch a livestock show.

Why do we love this event that we work so hard at? Here are some of the answers to this baffling question from our 4-H’ers.

“I get to spend time with my family.”

“I get to meet new friends and spend time with other kids.”

“I get to show what I have worked on all year.”

“I know it is hot and lots of work, but it is my favorite thing all year, I love it.”

“I love my goats.”

I enjoy the carnival, and the cotton candy.”

Camping with my friends and family is AWESOME!”

Fair dates are July 6-9 in Newton County and July 21-23 in McDonald.

See you at the fair! Lynda DuMond
Clover Kids Corner

Water is my Friend!

Materials: water, balloons, small kiddie pool, sprinkler and hose, slip and slide....

Yes, it’s hot out here, what better way to cool off than getting wet. Set up water games for your Clover Kids. Some suggestions would be:

♦ A kiddie pool full of water and floating apples the kids have to bob for.
♦ A water balloon toss
♦ A sprinkler set up on the lawn, cools off the kids and waters the grass.
♦ A slip and slide on a sloped grassy area.
♦ A short drive to a local stream or river to search for little creatures who live there.
♦ Ice cold water to drink. Teach them the value of water to their growing bodies and why it is important to hydrate on a hot day.

Check out our county webpage at: http://extension.missouri.edu/mcdonald

State webpage at: http://4h.missouri.edu