



Extension

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4-H NEWS MARCH 2020

LINCOLN, MONTGOMERY & WARREN COUNTIES



COMING EVENTS

STATE: March 21-22: Teen Conference

TRI-COUNTY: March 16: Camp counselor applications due

LINCOLN:

- March 1: Horse Meeting, 1-3 p m, Ropin' R Ranch
- 7: Shooting Sports Safety Class 8 a m-3 p m, Extension Center
- 14-15: Hog Weigh-in
- 15: Poultry Meeting, 6:30 p m, Extension Center
- 16: Rabbit Meeting, 7 p m Extension Center
- 17: Sheep Meeting, 7 p m, Extension Center
- 24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p m Extension Center
- 31: Shooting Sports Leader Meeting, 7 p m, Extension Center

MONTGOMERY:

- March 12: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Montgomery City Library
- 14: Hog, Goat and Lamb Weigh-In, 8-10 a.m., Fairgrounds
- April 6: SMQA Training, 6 p.m., Montgomery County Senior Center

WARREN

- MARCH 2: County Rabbit Equipment Meeting; 6:30 p m; Extension Center
- 3: 4-H Council; 7 p m; Extension Center
- 6: Horsemanship; 6:30 p m; Extension Center
- 7: County Scrapbooking; 9 a m – 11 a m; Extension Center
- 9: County Arts & Crafts; 6:00 p m – 7:30 p m; Extension Center Basement
- 10: Teen Leaders Meeting; Regular Meeting 5:30 p m; Exchange Trip 6:30 p m Extension Center
- 11: County Dog 1 Meeting; 6:30 p m; Extension Center
- 13: 4-H Social; 7 p m – 9 p m; Extension Center
- 16: County Arts & Crafts; 6 p m – 7:30 p m; Extension Center Basement
- 20: Horsemanship; 6:30 p m; Extension Center Basement
- 21: Swine Tag-in for Warren County Fair; 8 a m – 11 a m; Fairgrounds
- 22: Rabbit FUN Show; 11 a m; Extension Center
- 23: County Photography; 5:30 p m; Extension Center Basement
- 24: County Cake Decorating; 5:30 p m – 7:30 p m; Extension Center
- 28: County Home Environment/Arts & Crafts; 9 a m – 3 p m; Extension Center
- 29: County Junk Drawer Robotics 2; 2 p m – 4 p m; Extension Center
- 31: County Poultry; 7:00 p m; Extension Center
- APRIL 2: County Photography; 5:30 p m; Extension Center Basement
- 4: County Scrapbooking; 9 a m – 11 a m; Extension Center

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OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Keep Us Going

Volunteers are the grease on the 4-H wheels that drive our 4-H program. The strength and depth of our overall 4-H program is directly proportional to scope of the volunteer support system. Committees are planning summer events and will need your help in supporting the programs as judges and assistants. If we do not get enough volunteers, we will revise or cancel local events. We cannot rely on a handful of people to carry this responsibility. You will receive a request for your services as a volunteer judge and assistant. Please help us!

Project Work Teaches Decision Making

Decision-making skills and the ability to logically and clearly express one's self are prized attributes in many careers today. Judging can help 4-H members develop these skills. It also teaches members to appreciate standards, to observe closely and to develop their reasoning ability by presenting oral reasons. Project leaders should utilize guide LG730 – "Judging: A 4-H Teaching Technique" in their project work.

Demonstrations Help Others Learn How to Do Something Useful

A demonstration is showing and telling how to do something. It is one of the best methods of teaching others because it involves visual and verbal presentations at the same time. Demonstrations help 4-H members develop self-confidence, express their ideas clearly, answer questions and acquire subject matter knowledge. Project leaders should utilize guide Y744 – "Let's Demonstrate" in their project meetings.

4-H Day with the Cardinals

The 19th Annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals will be May 9. See attached flyer for ordering tickets in your 4-honline profile. Groups that wish to sit together must submit one order and payment is by credit card only. Registration closes March 23.

Host Families Needed

The State office needs host families this summer for exchange students. Contact your county office if interested.

4-H Camp

Registration for 4-H camp June 8-11 will be through 4honline. Watch for details later this month.

Adults at Camp

According to State Policy, we are required to have an adult staying in each cabin to help supervise campers during scheduled times throughout the day and overnight. If we do not get the required number of adults, we will limit the number of campers we can accept. We are looking for approved volunteers over the age of 21 that can stay the entire length of camp – June 8-11. You will receive room and board and a small stipend. If you are able to help, contact your Extension Office by **April 1**.

State Congress

The 2020 State Congress will be May 27-29 at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. Any member 14 and over may attend. The cost is \$200. Registration will be through 4-Honline and will open March 1 and run through April 15. You must be an "active" member in the system to register. **PLEASE check with your County Extension Office before registering, as there are certain county restrictions that may apply.**

Do you use specialized feed for your livestock?

If you use a specialized feed for your 4-H livestock project, you may have to give your local feed store dealer advance notice for a feed order. Some of the feed store dealers may not keep your type of feed on hand but will be glad to order it for you. Do not wait until the last minute for your type of feed and be disappointed that it may not be available. Please contact your dealer for more details.

Show Me Mizzou Day

Plan to attend a great event to showcase the University of Missouri campus on April 18. Highlights include an open house at the College of Veterinary Medicine, the MU Health Care helicopter and an appearance by Miss Missouri, MU's own Simone Esters! For more information contact your Extension Office

First-Time Youth Livestock Exhibitor Grant

The Missouri State Fair Foundation is on a mission to cultivate the next generation of Missouri agriculture. Our members recognize the important life lessons learned by exhibiting livestock. They also understand exhibiting livestock at the Missouri State Fair can be costly. Due to the generosity of our members and friends, we are offering approximately twenty \$500 scholarships to first-time livestock exhibitors at the 2020 Missouri State Fair. This grant is an effort to encourage more youth exhibitors to show for the first-time at the Missouri State Fair. It is our hope that by offsetting some of the costs incurred by exhibiting livestock, more young people will be able to benefit from this invaluable learning experience. [Apply online](#)

2020 Census

The US Census helps determine federal funding, services and political representation for each state for the next 10 years. When every person living in Missouri is counted, we get more money for jobs, schools, housing, roads and bridges, and hospitals. In March, households will receive mailings – please do your part and fill out the census!

Meeting Room Rental

The Lincoln County Extension Office rents the meeting room to non-Extension groups for \$75 per use. If you know a group interested, have them call 636-528-4613.

Lincoln County 4-H Scholarships

Lincoln County high school seniors are reminded that applications for local scholarships are due to the Extension office by April 15. Contact the office at 636-528-4613 for application and criteria.

Lincoln County Horse Members

Members are encouraged to complete the form for “Horseman of the Year.” Records should be kept from April 1 through July 31 and include information on feed, training, vet costs, etc. Contact the office for an application. Only applications obtained from the office are accepted. Members are invited to “like” us on Facebook at Lincoln County 4-H horse club.

Montgomery County SMQA Training

SMQA training will be presented at 6 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2020, at the Montgomery County Senior Citizen Center, 138 S. Allen, Montgomery City, MO. Anyone needing SMQA training should attend this program which will last about one hour.

The Show Me Quality Assurance Program (SMQA) is a management education program for youth which emphasizes good management practices in animal care, animal handling and use of animal health products.

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 a 4-H member in good standing in that project.

4-H and FFA exhibitors of any meat animal projects will need SMQA training for the 2020 Missouri State Fair.

Some of you have certified for the rest of your youth showing career, if you attended training in 2018 or 2019 and were 14 (as of January 1) at the time. For younger youth, the rule states a member age 8-13 by January 1 must participate in two consecutive years of the training. Then a refresher course is needed some time after they turn 14. Upon completion of the refresher course, they

would be SMQA *Certified* for the remainder of their youth exhibition career.

If you attended Show Me Quality Assurance training in 2018 & 2019, you are not required to attend this year. ***However, first year project members and those of you who attended a training in only 2019 (and were under 14 as of Jan. 1, 2020), need to attend this year.***

Warren County 4-H Trivia Night

THANK YOU to all of our Trivia Night supporters and to Big Creek 4-H Club for sponsoring such a fun evening! We had a great night that raised funds for Warren County 4-H programs and scholarships.

Warren County Shooting Sports Safety Class

Thank you to our Shooting Sports Leaders for hosting a great training class. If you are a first year shooting sports member and missed this event, please plan to attend the Lincoln County safety Class on March 7. An RSVP is required, so please contact the Extension Center at 636-528-4613.

Warren County Shooting Sports Program Fees

All Warren County Shooting Sports projects have a minimal program fee for supplies. Order forms with payment are due to the Extension Center by March 31. If you need an order form, contact the Extension Center.

Warren County Shooting Sports T-shirts/Hoodies – NEW DESIGN

Would you be interested in having a Warren County 4-H Shooting Sports t-shirt or hoodie? T-shirts are \$11 and Hoodies are \$22. Order Forms, due March 31st, are available at the Extension Center.

Warren County Shooting Sports Handbooks/Practice Dates

A copy of the 2020 Shooting Sports Handbook were emailed to each family. If you need a paper copy, you can pick one up at the Extension Center. Tentative Practices for all Disciplines will begin in APRIL
Air Rifle/Air Pistol – 2nd & 4th Thursdays – Fairgrounds – 1st practice is April 9 at 5:30 p m

Archery – 1st & 3rd Thursdays – Fairgrounds – 1st practice is April 2 at 5:30 p m

Shotgun/22/Muzzleloading – April 26, May 3, May 17, June 7, August 2 & August 16

22 & Muzzleloading 1-3 p m; Shotgun 3-5 p m; All at Benchrest Rifle Club in Wright City

Warren County Teen Leaders

The next teen leader meeting is March 10 with exchange trip meeting to follow. Meal is spaghetti – Look for an email with details.

Warren County 4-H Social

Mark your calendars for March 13, from 7– 9 p m at the Extension Center for a FUN night planned by our Teen Leaders. All 4-Hers and clover kids invited. We will be collecting canned goods for the 4-H Feeding Missouri Statewide Food Drive. All members should bring at least one non-perishable item, but feel free to donate more! Come for food, music, games and fun!

Warren County 4-H Feeding MO Campaign

Remember to contribute canned goods to your club's donations for the 4-H Feeding MO campaign by April 30. Club winner gives up their County Fair Trash Pickup date to the losing club. Donations collected at the Extension Center. Club stats announced on March 27 and April 17 on social media. Final Winner announced after campaign ends April 30.

Warren County Exchange Trip Fundraisers

In the summer of 2020, we will host our North Carolina families in Warren County. The exchange group is working hard to prepare for this visit. All funds raised contribute to expenses for transportation, tours and food. Thank you in advance for supporting this awesome experience for our youth!

- RADA Cutlery Sales – Catalogues available at the Extension Center, or by looking online at www.radacutlery.com Orders taken via phone or in person. Cash or Check accepted. Online ordering NOT available at this time. Orders placed at the end of each month.
- Countywide t-shirts/hoodies - Gray/white or Gray/green design. T-shirts \$12/Hoodies \$25. Orders placed at the end of each month.
- Steak Dinner – Saturday, April 18, 2020; Extension Center. 100 tickets only; \$20 each. Contact an Exchange Trip Member or the Extension Center.

Warren County Rabbit Project

An equipment representative will be present at the March 2nd project meeting. Contact Michael Gerdeman with any questions at Michael.gerdeman@gmail.com or 636-459-5836.

Rabbit Fun Show

The Warren County Rabbit Project is hosting a Fun Show on Sunday, March 22 at the Extension Center. Registration starts at 11:00 a m and the show starts at 12:00 p m. Cost is \$3 per head entered. Members from the surrounding counties are invited to attend.

Warren County Horse Project

All Horse Project members and Lucky Horseshoes Spin Club members will continue to meet on the first and third Fridays each month. Please watch the Warren County Horse Project Facebook page for updates. Questions should be directed to Brenda Wasser at 636-795-5355.

Warren County Dog Project Members

The first Dog 1 meeting will be on March 11 at 6:30 p m at the Extension Center. All Dog 1 members should plan to attend this information night. No dogs necessary. Contact Kristy with questions at 636-734-3989

Warren County Scrapbook Members

Save the Dates: This project group will meet on March 7 and April 4 from 9:00 a m – 11:00 a m at the Extension Center. Please plan on attending. Contact Donna Sherman with questions at shermands@warrencor3.k12.mo.us.

Warren County Poultry Members

The poultry project will meet on the following dates at 7:00 p m at the Extension Center. Please reserve March 31, April 8, April 15, April 29 and May 20. Location could change as the weather warms, so please stay up to date with information. Questions, email Ronda Williams at rwilliams@markrudderlaw.com

Warren County Cake Decorating Members

The next Countywide Cake Decorating meeting is March 24 at 5:30 p m at the Extension Center. Please bring the cake decorating supplies you own and 2 small cakes to practice on. Another meeting is scheduled for April 22 at 5:30 p m at the Extension Center. A June 13th date is reserved for a makeup meeting and for members to prep cakes for the county fair. Questions, please reach out to Delanna Branson at wkmgoats@gmail.com

Warren County Home Environment/Arts & Crafts Members

Basket Making Class with Pat Moore; Saturday, March 28; 9 a m – 3 p m; Extension Center Cost: \$35 each; Must RSVP; Parents & Members welcome

Warren County Home Environment Members

Front Porch Sign Class: Friday, April 24; 5 p m; Extension Center. Questions, contact Carey Benne at bennecb@missouri.edu

Warren County SMQA – Show Me Quality Assurance
 All livestock exhibitors received information about their SMQA certification status and updated steps for completion in February via email. All SMQA training must be up-to-date by May 1 in order to register livestock for the Warren County Fair. A photo of your certificate must be emailed or texted to Carey Benne.

Warren County Fair Livestock Exhibitors
 The Warren County Fair Livestock chairs have created a Facebook page for communication purposes. Please join the “Warren County Livestock Committee” so you can see up to date information. Livestock Handbooks were emailed to all families and are available at the Extension Center. Handbooks include rules, regulations, dates, premiums, etc. Direct questions regarding livestock to Wes & Kelly Colbert and Steve & Brenda Molitor at wcflivestockcom@gmail.com

Warren County Livestock Weigh In/Tag In Dates
 Hog Tag In: Saturday, March 21; 8 a m – 11 a m;
 Fairgrounds
 Sheep & Goats: Tuesday, April 21; 6:30 p m – 7:30 p m; Fairgrounds
 Chicken & Rabbits: Tuesday, June 2; 6:30 p m – 7:30 p m; Fairgrounds

Weight Limits enforced again this year:

Specie	Minimum	Maximum
Market Steer	1,000 pounds	1,600 pounds
Market Hog	200 pounds	350 pounds
**Market Lamb	70 pounds	160 pounds
Market Goat	50 pounds	120 pounds
Single Fryer Rabbit	2.5 pounds	5.5 pounds
Meat Chickens	2 pounds	8 pounds

**Sheep Minimum lowered to include hair sheep breeds.

Warren County Fair Work Day Assignments:
 4-H Clubs are divided by membership so we have approximately half of our members at each workday. Please make sure to sign in for credit. If you cannot attend your scheduled Saturday – please contact your club leader and attend the other date. All members MUST attend ONE SATURDAY and the MANDATORY THURSDAY night. Questions - Call the Extension Center at 636-456-3444

Saturday, May 16: 8 a m – 12 p m (*lunch provided*)
 Warrenton FFA
 Country Crossroads 4-H Club Elkhorn 4-H Club
 Camp Branch 4-H Club Homestead 4-H Club

Saturday, June 20: 8 a m – 12 p m (*lunch provided*)
 Wright City FFA Rolling Stones 4-H Club
 Big Creek 4-H Club Prairie View 4-H Club

Thursday, June 25th – 6:30 p m - MANDATORY, ALL COME NIGHT

State Fair Swine Information
 If you are planning on entering hogs at the Missouri State Fair, you will need to purchase DNA Cards. These are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Warren County Extension Center.

Warren County 4-H Families
 If you would like to have your monthly newsletter emailed, let us know by contacting the Extension Center or emailing bennecb@missouri.edu. Multiple emails can be included.

Warren County – SAVE THE DATE
 Warren County Fair: June 30 – July 4, 2020 (Parade June 28/Cleanup July 5)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan Benne, Evan Leavitt and Dawn Sherman, Warren County, for being selected to run for East Central Regional Representatives on the Missouri State 4-H Council for 2020-2021. Elections will take place at State 4-H Congress in May.

Congratulations to Gracie Wilson, Warren County, for placing 4th high individual for Junior level Horse Judging on Saturday, February 22.

REMINDERS

March 4-H Council Meetings
 In order for program plans to be made, clubs must be represented at 4-H Council meetings. March dates are listed in the Coming Events. We hope to see your club representative present.

Lincoln County Club Leaders
 The annual club assessment of \$30 per member, (not including Clover Kids) is due to the Extension Office by April 1. Checks should be made out to Lincoln County 4-H Council.

UPDATES

Looking for a Project Leader?

If you are wondering who your project leader is, please check with your club leader first. If they don't show a leader for your project in your club, please contact the Extension Office.

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Til your good is better and your better is best”

St. Jerome