



Extension

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4-H NEWS DECEMBER 2022

LINCOLN, MONTGOMERY & WARREN COUNTIES



COMING EVENTS

TRI-COUNTY:

December 26-January 2: County Offices Closed for the Holidays
December 31: Enrollment changes due
December 31: All Volunteer enrollment steps completed

LINCOLN:

December 13: Teen Leaders, 7 p m, Extension Center
January 10: Beef meeting 7 p m, Fairgrounds
January 11: Hog meeting 7 p m, Fairgrounds
January 24: 4-H Council Committee Workshop, 6 p m, Extension Center
January 24: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p m, Extension Center

MONTGOMERY:

December 5: Clover Kid Holiday Night, 5 p m, Extension Office
January 12: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p m, Montgomery City Public Library

WARREN:

December 2: Horse Project Meeting, 6 pm Wasser Quarter Horse Farm, Foristell
December 5: Clover Kids Winter Workshop, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
December 11: Countywide Christmas Caroling, 2 p m, Oak Pointe
December 13: Teen Leaders Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
December 16: Teen Leaders Rock N Jump Activity, 6 pm, Extension Office
December 19: Citizenship, Leadership and Communication Project Meeting, 5:30 p m
Harton Senior Living
January 3: 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office
January 9: Dog Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
January 16: Citizenship, Leadership and Communication Project Meeting, 5:30 p m
Harton Senior Living

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OPPORTUNITIES

ENROLLMENTS

Thanks to everyone for enrolling by the early deadline. If your enrollment is showing “awaiting review”, it means staff has not had the chance to approve it yet. If you need to make changes, please contact the office by December 31.

LEADERS: You will need to go into your profile and update your information. Remember you must do three things to be a volunteer:

1. **ALL Volunteers Enroll online – please do this first**
2. **ALL Volunteers** - Complete Mandate Reporter Training in online profile
3. **NEW Volunteers or those not in the system last year** – Complete background consent in online profile

We still have several volunteers who do not complete all **three** steps and are NOT a recognized volunteer! Please note – If you are NOT serious about being a leader, DO NOT begin the process.

If you have questions, please contact the office. Let’s all make an effort to get these things completed in a timely manner so staff do not have to keep reminding you! Don’t let 4-H members down by delaying this process!!

Welcome to 4-H!

We would like to welcome new families to the 4-H program. We hope you will become actively involved in 4-H as a whole family. There are a wide variety of activities & events available to 4-H members. All are designed to help them develop into successful adults. As with most endeavors, you get out of 4-H as much as you put into it! If you have questions, please ask your club leader or call the Extension Office. We are here to help.

Community Service

The holidays are a great time for clubs to do community service. Why not adopt a family? Go caroling at a nursing home? Volunteer to ring a bell for the Salvation Army? Or make cookies for local sponsors?

Ears & Eggs Seminar

All Rabbit and Poultry members are invited to a seminar hosted by Purina on February 4, 2023 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Rabbits are from 10 to 12 and Poultry from 1 to 3. Come learn about nutrition, breeding and much more. Lunch stand on site. For more info, contact Ruth at 507-456-0260

Project Leaders

Thank you for volunteering to be a Project Leader. Are you willing to lead your project countywide? If so, please contact the Extension Office.

Regional Representatives

Teens who care about 4-H may want to serve on the Missouri State 4-H Council. The council is an elected body of youth that plan Teen Conference and State 4-H Congress and serve as a voice for Missouri 4-H. If you are 14-17 years of age, a member in good standing, and completed the previous year of 4-H work, you may run for a Regional Representative position. An application form along with a letter stating why you want to serve on the State 4-H council is due to your County Extension office by January 13.

Lincoln County Club Meetings

Just a reminder that in order to show at the Lincoln County Fair, members must have attended six (6) club meetings by July 1. Club leaders will turn in a list of those not eligible.

Lincoln County 4-H Cookbooks for Sale

Need a last minute gift idea? Then a 4-H cookbook might be the answer! The cookbooks are a collection of recipes from Lincoln County 4-H families and are \$10 each. The proceeds go to the Kids Helping Kids campaign. Contact the office at 636-528-4613 if interested.

Lincoln County Fair 50th Anniversary Book

The Lincoln County Fair has put together a history book to celebrate 50 years of the fair. Sections include: History, FFA Ag Mechanics, 4-H clubs, chairmen, queens, livestock, entertainment and friends of the fair. Paperback copies are \$10.00 and hardback \$20.00. Contact Rhonda at 636-528-4613 if interested.

Lincoln County Beef/Swine Meetings

Mark your calendars now to attend the mandatory Beef meeting Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The mandatory swine meeting will be Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p m at the fairgrounds.

Montgomery County Clover Kid Holiday Night

All Montgomery County Clover Kids are invited to attend the Clover Kid Holiday Night at the Extension Office on December 5. The event will run from 5:00-7:00 and feature baking cookies, coloring cards for the nursing home and painting an ornament. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by calling 573-564-3733 or e-mailing cullomk@missouri.edu on or before December 2 so we know how many to expect for dinner. If your child has any food allergies, please let us know when you RSVP. Clover Kid Holiday Night is being hosted by Kim Cullom, 4-H Program Associate and Heather Warren, Nutrition Program Associate.

Montgomery County Shooting Sports Updates

The Montgomery County Shooting Sports Safety class will be on February 4, 2023 with a back-up date of February 11. In keeping with the State Shooting Sports guidelines for 2023 and beyond the Shooting Sports Safety (SS740) class is only required once, your first year of shooting sports. SS740 does not count toward your project total. Shotgun, Cowboy Action/Western Heritage and Air Pistol/.22 Pistol generally meet on weekends. Air Rifle/.22 Rifle generally meet on Wednesdays. Archery generally meets on Thursdays. Both Muzzleloader and Hunting & Outdoor Skills will be participating with Warren County and a Warren County leader.

Warren County 4-H Members

Make sure to fill out, sign and return your BLUE "Requirements to Show/Exhibit & Complete your 4-H Year" agreements to your club leader. Attending 7 club meetings, enrolling in at least one project, completing a project record and demonstrating your project knowledge are keys for a successful year in 4-H!

Warren County Clover Kids Winter Workshop

All Warren County Clover Kids are invited to join us for an evening of fun on Monday, December 5 from 5:30-7:30 pm. During the workshop Clover Kids will create an art project, do a bit of physical activity, plan some community service, and try their hand at cake decorating. Pre-registration is required and can be done online at v2.4honline.com by December 2. Program fee is \$5.

Warren County Salvation Army Bell Ringing Challenge

In the past, many of our clubs have enjoyed ringing the bell as part of their service to the community, and we hope this year will be no different! 85% of all the money collected in Warren County stays in Warren County, so we want to do all we can to make that a HUGE dollar amount, and that means a challenge!

We invite clubs to sign up for bell ringing shifts anytime between November 25th and December 24th, and the monies collected during all of their shifts will be totaled. The club who helps raise the most money during the month-long campaign will be treated to an ice cream sundae party at their January meeting.

And 4-H families can help! Families are encouraged to sign up for bell ringing shifts to help boost their club's total which can be done by including your 4-H club name along with your family name when signing up. What your family raises will be added to your club total! Follow this link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49A5AD2AABFE3-agape2>

Warren County Citizenship, Leadership and Communication Project

Project meetings will be held on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the community room at Harton Senior Living in Warrenton. This project will engage 4-Hers with senior citizens while also learning Citizenship, Leadership and Communication skills. Call Maureen at 636-456-3444 for more information.

Warren County Rabbit Project

Project meetings will start in January. If you are looking to add to your stock, now is the time to look. With the weather changing, many breeders sell breeding stock they do not want to keep through the winter. If you are looking for specific breeds and information, reach out to our project leader, Michael Gerdeman. His contact information is 636-459-5638 or michael.gerdeman@gmail.com.

Warren County Shootings Sports

All members enrolled in shooting sports also need to pay their county project fees before they will be allowed to participate. Members need to revisit 4-H Online under the "Events" tab to pay. Questions regarding this process can be directed to the extension office.

Shooting Sports Safety MUST be taken your 1st year enrolled in any Shooting Sports project. Safety Training for Warren County is scheduled for Saturday February 25, from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm at the Extension Center.

Warren County Dog Project

The in-person dog project will meet on Monday, January 9 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office and will continue to meet every second and fourth Monday thereafter. Project members need to bring a **1/4” slip lead (available from Amazon), dog bed or cot, waste bags and treats** for their dogs all dogs love cut up hotdogs! All members should also plan to meet with Tina before that date to show shot records and to have their dog evaluated for temperament. You can reach Tina Barry at 636-359-0646.

Warren County Teen Leaders

All Warren County Teens, age 12 and up are encouraged to join Teen Leaders for a chance to participate in activities outside of your regular 4-H club. Teen Leader’s activities include community service and leadership experiences, and they also provide a chance to make new friends. And of course, there is always food involved! The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. There will also be a pizza and Rock N Jump activity on Friday, December 16. Questions or to RSVP, please contact Carey Benne.

Warren County Christmas Caroling

Country Crossroads will be hosting a countywide Christmas Caroling activity on Sunday, December 11 at 2 p m at Oak Pointe. Please plan to join in this fun community service event. Watch the Warren County 4-H Facebook page for more details.

CANVAS

Canvas is an online learning system that allows us to create modules for multiple project areas in one place. 4-H on Canvas includes videos, lesson plans and discussion boards. Set up ONE profile for your entire household for \$5.00 to access ALL project areas. This can be used by club leaders, project leaders and 4-H members alike. To sign up, go to <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/Missouri-4-h/4-h-resources>.

The Nicest Gift

*It's not the gift that's wrapped and tied...
In ribbons bright and gay...
It's not the most expensive one...
That folks might give away...
However much the gift might cost...
However big or small...
It's those we give right from the heart...
That are nicest of them all...
That little package tucked away...
Behind the Christmas tree...
That someone placed so lovingly...
Where others mightn't see...
Who cares the worth of what's inside...
The value or the style?
Because there's something greater there...
It holds a friendly smile...
It's not the gift that's bought in haste...
However fine the store...
But those somebody took the time...
And trouble looking for...
It's love and smiles that go along...
We never count them small...
No matter what...
That package brings...
The nicest gift of all.*



“Happiness is not about getting all you want. It is about enjoying all you have.”

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