

4-H Happenings!

News for 4-H families and friends

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4-H Expo

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Expo at the Palmyra High School. Youth ages 5 – 18 and adults are all invited to join us on Saturday, February 15 for a day of workshops, activities, and lunch! The cost is \$10/participant. The day will start at 10:00 a.m. and finish at 2:00 p.m. You can sign up in 4-H Online or complete the enclosed registration and return to the Pike County Extension office. Registration is due by February 1. Make checks to Pike County Extension Council.

AmazonSmile Program

Did you know that when you shop for the holidays at smile.amazon.com/ch/43-6044367, AmazonSmile donates to Missouri 4-H Foundation? Help Missouri 4-H this year while you shop.

Regional Representative

Are you interested in representing Missouri 4-H members, assisting with planning and implementing major 4-H events such as 4-H Congress and Teen Conference? Would you like to represent the State 4-H Council at special events and provide youth input? If so, serving as a Northeast Regional Representative may be the position for you. Find out more about what the council does on their website: <http://4h.missouri.edu/missouri-4h-council.aspx>. Applications are also available on the website. Applications are due to the Extension office by January 10, 2020.



Teen Conference - Mark Your Calendars! March 21-22, 2020 - Columbia, Mo.

Teen Conference is a fun-filled, two-day event for ages 11-13, planned by your State 4-H Council teens, to promote *Belonging, Independence, Generosity* and *Mastery*. Mark your calendars now and don't miss out on the fun!! Registration must be completed between December 9, 2019 and January 31, 2020. Cost will be \$169 (for youth sharing a bed with a friend they select). **Remember your dues must be paid to be activated in 4HOnline to**

be able to register. There is also a \$25 regional scholarship available.

Missy North Scholarship (MO Pork Producers)

The Missy North Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the late Missy North, wife of Missouri Pork Producer Bob North. She loved raising pigs, and was very active in the industry. Bob and his family are making the scholarship available to a deserving student aspiring to play a role in the pork industry. They are partnering with the Missouri Pork Association to select candidates. A scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded at the Missouri Pork Expo on February 11, 2020. For eligibility requirements and application, go to <http://www.mopork.com/youth/missy-north-memorial-scholarship/>. Deadline to apply is Friday, January 10, 2020.

FCS Financial Ag Youth Program

Program Terms

- Interest-free funds for qualifying Missouri 4-H and FFA projects
- Must be used for specified projects and repaid within one year
- One project, per year, per student
- Goals include accurate records, budgeting and learning about repayment obligations

Project limits range from \$250 to \$2000. To apply, complete the Ag Youth Program Agreement, submit a detailed projected cash flow, complete a photo authorization form, have parent and adult club supervisor sign the agreement, and submit all materials to your nearest FCS financial office. For more information and application go to <https://www.myfcsfinancial.com/about-us/special-programs/ag-youth-program>.

Community Service Grants

Did you know that the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants of up to \$1,000 to match funding for a 4-H Community Service project? Visit the Missouri 4-H Foundation website today for more information and let us help you make an impact in your community today! <https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/grants/community-service>.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships Available

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. More than sixty scholarships are available, each ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. One scholarship application allows the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to the conditions specified by the donor. Applications are accepted after January 1 and applications are due in your local Extension office by February 13. 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 Foundation website at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships>. Check out the list of scholarships (list available but not updated) on the 4-H scholarship website and apply! The scholarship application format is almost identical to the 4-H Missouri Recognition Form (MRF) format. If you complete the MRF form, you've completed most of the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

4-H Foundation Scholarship Workshop

A workshop will be held on February 3, 3 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex to help you in completing the scholarship form.



Target Circle

Missouri 4-H Foundation is participating in the Target Circle program! Friends and supporters vote for Missouri 4-H Foundation and help direct Target's giving to benefit Missouri 4-H. Votes are earned by qualified purchases at Target. For full program details and restrictions visit <https://circle/target.com/>. Help Missouri 4-H this year while you shop.



Missouri 4-H Feeding Missouri - 2nd Annual Food Drive

Missouri 4-H is partnering with Feeding Missouri for our 2nd annual statewide food drive! Every 4-H club in the state is invited to contribute to its success. From January 1 to April 30, 4-Hers across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which counties can contribute the greatest amount of food, cash contributions and volunteer hours. Clubs need to work to educate on food insecurity in their clubs, organize food drives or donation collections for local food pantry, partner with other local organizations, volunteer hours at a local food pantry, keep track and submit.

State Horse Judging Contest

February 22, 2020 6 – 9 p.m.

National Equestrian Center, 6880 Lake St. Louis Blvd., Lake St. Louis, MO 63367

This event is open to all 4-H members. There is no limit on the number of members a county may pre-enter in the contest; however, youth must pre-enter if they wish to participate. The contest's registration cost is \$25 per individual and no fee for parents or leaders. Pre-entered youth will receive an information email with maps, details, etc. Registration deadline is February 1, 2020 and will be done through your [4HOnline profile](#).

State Meats Judging Contest

February 15, 2020 Registration-8:30 a.m. Contest-9 a.m.

Eckles Hall, University of Missouri-Columbia

This program has two options for participation. For those who have more experience in meats evaluation and would like to compete, the judging contest is the option for you. If you are less experienced in meats evaluation, there will be a learning track workshop. The workshop will walk you through how to evaluate judging classes, provide you with the basics of good note taking, and give you tips on retail identification. Participants must choose either judging or workshop options. Registration for the Meats Judging State Contest/Workshop will be available through <https://mo.4honline.com> from December 15 – February 1.

State 4-H Congress Opportunity Scholarship

If you are interested in attending the 2020 State 4-H Congress and have a need for a scholarship, please contact the Extension office for the application. Applications are due in the office by February 20, 2020.

4-H Quote

Have a quote about 4-H? Share it with us, so we can share to our social media page.

2020 4-H Ag Innovators Teen Leader Positions Open

Missouri 4-H is seeking applications for 21 Teen Leader positions for the 2020 4-H Ag Innovators Experience. The theme for this year's program is "Water Connects Us All" and is focused on the importance of water quality. The top three applicants will be chosen to serve on the State Leadership Team, which will take part in the national training in Ames, Iowa on February 7 -9, 2020. These three will then lead a state training in Columbia, Missouri in March to teach the other 18 Teen Leaders about the educational program and how to facilitate the activities. The Teen Leaders will then have from April to July 1st to facilitate the program to a minimum of 50 youth through events that they schedule in their local areas. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the program, Teen Leaders will receive \$300 for their efforts. Interested 4-H members can apply via the Qualtrics link provided below. Applicants must be 14 years or older to be considered for the program. Applicants must provide a response to all of the application questions. Applications with unanswered questions will be removed from consideration. To be considered for one of the three spots on the State Leadership Team, an application must be completed and submitted by Monday, January 6, 2020. The application period will close on January 31, 2020. Applicants not chosen for one of the three State Leadership Team spots will still be considered for one of the remaining 18 Teen Leader positions for the program. All applicants will receive a response email regarding their acceptance into the program by February 10, 2020. For any questions please contact Ty Peckman at tpeckman@missouri.edu. Application link: https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1YRs5m5bRVeFykZ

Clover Kids Corner

Indoor Snow People

If you have snow accumulation, try this activity.

Materials/Supplies

- Clean snow
- Plastic containers or plates
- Bucket for snow
- Mittens
- Small containers
- Colorful fabric for trim, buttons, raisins, etc.

Bring a bucket of clean snow inside. Have each child put on mittens or gloves and build snow people in the plastic container or on the plate. Decorate with a strip of fabric for a scarf, and add eyes and a nose.



For variations, create other snow creatures or spray paint the snow. If you don't have snow where you live, create "clean snow" by grating up bars of Ivory Soap. The gratings are easy to mold into shapes.

Monthly MOVEMENT Activity

Power Jumping Materials

6 to 8 feet of large bubble wrap



Clothespins (one for each child)

Measuring tape Marker

Ask youth how far they can jump. Lay out a long strip of bubble wrap (preferably the large bubble kind). Youth stand at the end with both feet together. They swing their arms back and jump forward as far as possible. Listen to the bubbles popping! Fasten a clothespin with each participant's name to the side of the bubble wrap where the heels landed. Ask youth what they can do to improve their jump (i.e., bend knees more, push harder off the toes, etc.). Use the measuring tape to measure the distance.



Ralls County News

Ralls County 4-H Council

The Ralls County 4-H Council will be meeting on Monday, January 6, 6:30 p.m., in the Courthouse meeting room. The agenda will include making final plans for county activities. Council members please mark your calendars and plan on attending. There will be a club leader orientation starting at 6 p.m.

Ralls County Junior Fair Board

The Ralls County Junior Fair Board meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, 6:30 p.m., at the Center Town Hall. The agenda will include judge selection and donation responsibilities.

Beef Weigh In

Beef weigh in will be held Saturday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Wallace farm in Vandalia. All steers and market heifers must be weighed in for the performance class.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports fundraiser banquet is January 25, 2020 at the PCA gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with Prime rib dinner and auction starting at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each or a table of eight can be purchased for \$200. Tickets are available from Jon Barnes, Branten Ingram, Alan Smith and Dana Keller.

Shooting Sports Safety meeting Feb. 8, 8a.m. to 3 p.m. at Center Baptist Church basement. Lunch will be provided.

Meats Judging

Meats judging practices will begin in January. Please contact the Ralls County Extension Office if you are interested in Meats Judging. The state contest will be February 15, 2020 in Columbia.

Enrollments

Enrollments are due in 4HOnline December 31, 2019. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance. All volunteers are required to do the volunteer training for the 2019-2020 year in 4HOnline. I will need a background check form if you are a new leader or you were not a leader in 2019. Once all these requirements are met, you will be activated.

Photo Contest

Ralls County 4-H members are asked to submit 8 x 10 photos to be considered for the cover photo for the Ralls County Extension web page. We are asking for photos of what signifies Ralls County to you. The contest begins now and will close June 1, 2020. You may submit three photos per person. The winner will receive an award and be recognized at the Ralls County fair. All photos will become the property of the Ralls County Extension Office. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Teen Council

The Ralls County Teen Council will be going Ice skating on January 11. We will meet and leave the Bowling Green Walmart at 10 am. Lunch will be at Pizza Ranch in Wentzville and then ice skating from noon -2 p.m.. Teen Council will pay for skate time. Members are responsible for the cost of skate rental (\$3.00) and lunch (\$11.99 includes drink). If you are not on the Ralls County Teen Council Facebook (private) group, please notify Lori Robinson if you are planning to attend by Jan. 8.

The next meeting of the Ralls County Teen Council will be Jan. 20 – 6:30 p.m. at the Ralls County Elementary School. All are to bring nonperishable goods for the food pantry. We will be discussing Discovery Camp and future event planning. Any 4H member sixth grade and up is welcome and encouraged to attend and be a part of the group.

Cast Your Vote

Ralls County will be conducting its annual Extension Council election starting in January. Paper ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in Saverton, Clay, Saline, Jasper and Salt river townships. You can also access a ballot, online by visiting our web page at [https://extension2.missouri.edu/counties/ralls_starting January 7](https://extension2.missouri.edu/counties/ralls_starting_January_7). Either vote by a paper ballot or an online ballot, but do not submit both. All ballots need to be returned by January 17, 2020. The election will be finalized at the January 23 Extension Council meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

March 19 – Ralls Achievement Night
April 19-Ralls County Fundraiser Dinner
May 9 – 4-H Day with the Cardinals
May 16-Livestock Judging Day
May 27-29-State 4-H Congress
May 31 – June 3 – Junior Camp
June 3-6 – Teen Camp
July 9 – 13 - Ralls County Fair



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Ralls County 4-H

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Fair Board meeting 6:30 p.m. Center Town Hall	3	4
5	6 4-H Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	