

# BOLLINGER COUNTY IN-4-MER



## Calendar of Events

- Feb. 9 – Rodeo Club meeting
- Extension Council meeting
  - Country Club 4H meeting
- Feb. 10 – Bollinger County Recycling meeting
- Feb. 12 – Crooked Creek 4H meeting
- Feb. 16 – Scopus 4H Go Getters meeting
- Feb. 19 – SEMO 4H Rodeo Advisory Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Dexter
- Feb. 20 – Night at the Museum event, Dinosaur museum
- Feb. 23 – Cheerful Workers meeting
- March 4 – Leopold 4H club meeting
- March 9 – Rodeo Club meeting
- Extension Council meeting
- March 14 – SEMO Fair Steer Weigh In
- Judging and Grading Clinic
- March 18-21 – 4-H Global Conference
- March 21 – State Horse Judging Contest/Columbia
- March 27-29 – Shooting Sports Certification Workshop
- April 1 - Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship due date
- April 10 – Congress Registration due
- April – Scenic Drive
- May 14 – 4H Council Meeting
- June 3-5 – State 4-H Congress
- July 23-26 – Jefferson County Fair
- August 13-23 – Missouri State Fair
- Sept. 5 – State Livestock Judging
- Sept. 12-19 – SEMO Fair
- September – Altenberg Fair
- Sept. 19 – Jake’s Day, National Wild Turkey Federation
- Sept. 25 & 26 – Fall Festival
- Oct. 10 – 4-H Appreciation Day



### 4-H Move Across Missouri - new physical activity program starting January 2009!

4-H Move Across Missouri (MAM) promotes physical activity! MAM encourages youths to engage in physical activities they enjoy from a broad range of possibilities (i.e., walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening, etc.). Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MAM program. 4-Hers can enroll in the online MAM program as individuals or as part of a team. A team can be a family or members of a 4-H club or group. If you are unable to go online to record your hours/activities let me know – I’ll be glad to put it in at the office.

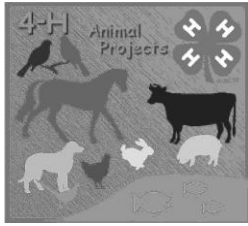


**SEMO Fair Steer Weigh In March 14, Fruitland Livestock Auction Barn 1:00-3:30 pm**  
**Bring \$2 cash for tag fees per steer**  
**WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE!**



### WILDLIFE HABITAT MANAGEMENT STATE CONTEST Saturday April 4 Hickory Hill Camp Columbia, MO

All 4-Hers are eligible to participate in the event as an individual or a team member. Awards to be presented in 2 age divisions: Junior, age 8-13 & Senior, age 14-18. Senior teams compete for a chance to participate in the national contest July 19-23 near Zwolle, Louisiana. This year’s state contest focuses on the 16 featured wildlife species of the Eastern Deciduous Forest Region & the appropriate wildlife management practices. Because of a recent change in the national event, the Missouri information and contest is being revised to comply. Update completion is expected by Feb.15. Info regarding the state contest available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/whp.htm>. Study resources –when updated– are available from your county MU Extension Center and can be downloaded from the Share drive to a CD.

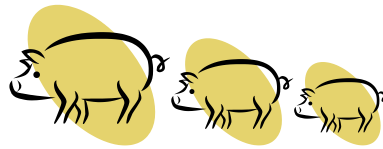


## **Beef Cattle Showing & Fitting Clinic Kirksville, Missouri March 13-15**

### **NEMO Fairgrounds**

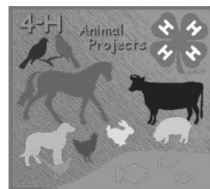
Clinic covers fitting and showing, topics on daily care, feeding, and other important information pertinent to showing beef cattle. The lead instructor is Chuck McCullough from Allerton, Iowa, a nationally recognized beef cattle fitter. He will be assisted by others so that individual instructional help can be optimized. Clinic is co-sponsored by Univ. of Missouri Ext. and the Wahl Clipper Corporation. Clinic participants need to bring their show calf and equipment, including blocking chute, show stick, blower, comb, brushes, adhesives, and clippers. If enrollees do not have all of this equipment there will be extra equipment available and show supplies available for purchase during the clinic.

News release and flyer can be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/air/4h/beefclinic.shtml>.



## **MISSOURI PORK EXPO - IN THE SHOW RING 2009**

The 2009 Missouri Pork Expo and In the Show Ring is set for February 11, 2009. Those attending also receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. Attendees are **strongly encouraged** to pre-register, as it will make registration at the event much smoother and quicker for staff and students. All information can be found at [www.mopork.com/events\\_missouriporkexpo.asp](http://www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp). The PDF registration form for In the Show Ring on the page can be typed, printed and sent back by fax to 573-446-2398 or can be sent electronically to [intern2@mopork.com](mailto:intern2@mopork.com).



## **Missouri Youth Livestock Grading & Judging Contest/Workshop**

**Saturday, March 14**

*University of MO  
Trowbridge Livestock  
Center – Columbia*

## **YOUNG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS INVITED TO APPLY FOR AWARDS**

**Deadline: March 1, 2009**

Do Something Awards provide recognition & funding for young community volunteers. Award Winners receive a community grant, participation in a special ceremony, media coverage & continued support from Do Something. In 2009, five winners receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants & scholarships. (Only winners 18 and under are eligible for a scholarship of \$5,000 & \$5,000 community grant; winners between the ages of 19- 25 receive the entire award in the form of a community grant.) Of the five, one will be selected grand-prize winner and receive a total of \$100,000 in community grants, paid directly to the nonprofit of his or her choice. Do Something Award applications go through two stages. First, the Do Something Award Academy (comprised of former winners) reads through all the applications & selects the finalists. Finalists are then flown to New York City for interviews with representatives from the Do Something Award Selection Committee. The five Do Something Award winners will be announced in the spring of 2009. The grand-prize winner will be announced summer of 2009.

Visit the Do Something Web site for complete program guidelines

<http://www.dosomething.org/>



National 4-H Council has partnered with Nickelodeon's "Big Green Help" to create a brand-new, interactive online game-- "Flip N' Flow"-- featuring Jimmy Neutron. The game is in support of 4 H's Science, Engineering & Technology communication campaign to spark youth interest in science. "The Big Green Help" is a kid-led movement providing information & tools to help explain climate change to young people, & connects them to energy-saving earth-friendly activities in everyday life. The "Flip N' Flow" game is available online at [4-H.org](http://4-H.org). Youth can play the game & access materials to share with friends. Check out this fun activity for an opportunity to learn about water conservation and steps to take to participate in going green!



## Happy February Birthdays!

Sara Bristow, Jessica Eftink, Julie Fluchel, Dana Fulbright, Shelly Garner, Mike Haley, Brittany & Zach Holmes, Shane Jansen, Leah Landewee, Alaina Lochirco, Kara Magill, Clay Maintz, Hope Massey, Carolyn Millikan, Ashli & Matt Morgan, Donna Mouser, Jacob Mungle, Fran Seabaugh, Jackie Simmers, Millie Vandeven, Austin Warner



**Attention Rodeo Club Members: Mandatory Meeting will be February 9th. Please plan to turn in all rodeo paperwork at the meeting (next Monday). Thanks to those of you who have turned in paperwork already!**



## SIGN UP FOR 2009 PHOTO CORPS ONLINE

Applications for the 2009 Photo Corps are still being accepted! For more information or an application, go to [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu)



## 4H TREE CHALLENGE

MU 4-H'ers have been challenged to be part of 4-H Million Trees, a service project started by a 4-H member in California who decided to do something to combat global climate change. Missouri's goal is to plant at least 22,000 new trees throughout the state to help improve the quality of the environment. The next few months are a perfect time to plant, so start planning now. Get your seedlings, available free to MU Extension 4-H'ers, from the Missouri Department of Conservation. Larger trees also are available through the Missouri ReLeaf program. Be sure to register your project with 4-H Million Trees to make sure your trees count toward the goal. Go to [4h.missouri.edu/programs/milliontrees](http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/milliontrees) resources and registration information. Will you accept the challenge?

## Robofest 2009 Regional Qualifying Competition

**When: Saturday, April 4 2009**

**Where: Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri**

Robofest is an annual computerized autonomous robotics contest for 5<sup>th</sup>-12 grade students. Robofest provides an environment for students to design, construct and program their robots while learning problem-solving techniques, mathematics, logic, creativity, physics, electronics, mechanics, teamwork, computers, and computer programming.

Please go to [www.robfest.net](http://www.robfest.net) for more information.

## MISSOURI STATE FAIR CHANGES

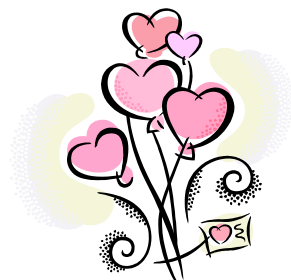
Animal Entries **must be “received by” July 2** to be on time; a change from past years when entries had to be “post marked” by due date.

## STATE FAIR ANIMAL OWNERSHIP Dates are changed to:

Steers; 3/15  
Market Hogs; 5/15  
Market Lambs; 6/15  
Meat Goats; 6/15

## More State Fair Info .....

**4-H & Missouri State Fair**  
4-H exhibits and competitions are part of the fun of the Missouri State Fair. **Note: 2009 State Fair 4-H Catalog Information should be available in May 2009! There will be no catalogs printed. Pay attention to exhibit entry deadlines if you are planning to enter anything at the fair!!**  
The 2009 State Fair Building Guidelines are posted at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/>



## February 2009 4-H meetings include:

### Monday, February 9 -

Ride if You Dare 4-H Rodeo Club, 7 pm, Patton Saddle Club

### Monday, February 9 -

Country Club 4-H, 6:30 pm, Shelly Whitener's home

### Thursday, February 12 -

Crooked Creek 4H Club, 7 pm, Bollinger County Library

### Monday, February 16 -

Scopus 4-H Go Getters – 7 pm, Hurricane Fork

### Monday, February 23 -

Cheerful Workers' Club, Sedgewickville Lutheran Church , 7 pm

County Line 4-H Club meeting dates/ times to be announced.  
Leopold Club will not meet at all in February.

**Wise Words..**something to think about



A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If we were allowed to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!



**The Great Backyard Bird Count will be held Feb. 13-16**  
 – to participate enroll online at  
[www.birdsource.org.gbbc/](http://www.birdsource.org.gbbc/)

**4-H On Line**

*Check out Bollinger County info on our website. It's updated regularly with newsletters, pictures, etc. Take a look – you might be there!* Follow this path  
 – <http://extension.missouri.edu>  
 click on "Counties & Regions" go to Bollinger & click on Bollinger County 4-H

**4-H WEBSITES**

- <http://4h.missouri.edu/>
- <http://outreach.missouri.edu/bollinger/>
- <http://www.4-h.org/>
- <http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/virtualfarm/main.html>
- [http://www.4-hmall.org/4H\\_Mall/Home/Default.asp](http://www.4-hmall.org/4H_Mall/Home/Default.asp)
- <http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/>
- <http://www.n4hccs.org/>

When searching for 4-H related information online, after you type your request add "extension" or "university" to get research based information from state Extension Services nationwide.  
 Ex: "grooming cattle extension" "raising rabbits extension"



**Websites to check**

- For teaching kids to sew – [www.thecraftstudio.com](http://www.thecraftstudio.com)
- Educational Link for welding tips – [www.lincolnelectric.com](http://www.lincolnelectric.com)
- Information on guinea pigs (cavies) – [acbaonline.com](http://acbaonline.com)
- Information on rabbits & cavies – [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net)
- (good pictures of different breeds of rabbits & guinea pigs)



**Volunteer Orientation**

**MUST be completed for returning volunteers in order to maintain your status with 4-H (new volunteers have until June) & can be completed on-line as follows:**

Volunteers may start the training, log out & back in to resume training at their convenience. A print (self-study) version will be listed as a main menu option in the online orientation course. Content is the same without web-related directions. Volunteers electing to download & read print orientation materials still need to complete the online quiz to fulfill the requirement. The link to the quiz is listed as a main menu option in the online course. The quiz is NOT scored; however, volunteers must complete the online form in one single session. **To log on:** Open a web browser, such as Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox

- Log on at <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>
- Select [Login]
- Enter a username of **\_kids**
- Enter this password: **volunteer**
- Select [Yes] any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items
- Select this link located on the left side of the screen: [Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation]
- A welcome screen appears to guide through the course

Make sure to go through all the required reading sections, closing remarks and credits and follow the link to required quiz. This link takes the participant to the required, online quiz housed on the Surveymonkey.com web site. All feedback is confidential & used to improve the volunteer orientation & Missouri 4-H volunteer program.

**4-H TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES!!**



**2009 Kansas City 4-H Global Conference**  
 March 18-21

The four states that coordinate and implement this conference (Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri) are using an online registration process again this year. The online site is hosted by Kansas State University 4-H. Registration cost is \$260 for youth and \$325 for adults.



**2009 EQUINE TRIP**

The Equine Trip is scheduled for May 22-28, 2009 for 4-H youth ages 14-19. Trip participants are accepted until bus is filled. The trip will focus on the stock horse and related horse industries in the states of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. Trip objectives and application can be downloaded from the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/>.



**State 4-H Congress**  
**June 3-5, 2009**  
**University of Missouri, Columbia**



### 4-H State Council Regional Representative Selection

It will soon be time to start the process of selecting youth candidates to represent our region on the State 4-H Council. Four representatives are chosen from the Southeast Region to serve a one-year term on the State 4-H Council. If you are age 14 or over & are interested in running for this position please contact the Extension Office for an application and other specifics. Completed forms are due to the office by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Regional interviews will be held on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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*Thank you to everyone who attended or assisted with the Recognition banquet & Bowling Activity! I had a great time – hope you all did too .....*

*(You know, bowling IS a 4H project! As well as a fine physical activity .....*

### Kodak Moments from January 17<sup>th</sup> (courtesy of Maria Calvert)

