January 4-H Meetings

Wednesday 7 & 21: Neelyville 4-H Club Meeting, 4pm

Wednesday 7 & 21: Royal Riders 4-H Club Meeting, 3:15pm

Wednesday 7: Rombauer Rascals Meeting, 5:30pm

Thursday 8: Fisk Royals Meeting 3:15 pm

Monday 19: Steppin’ Up 4-H Club Meeting, Extension Office, Poplar Bluff 5:30 pm

TBA: 4-H Rifle Club Meeting
ASI Club Meeting

Please turn in club reports by January 30!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Curtis Reinbott 3rd
Zion Ritzman 3rd
Amanda Liau 5th
Lora Ainsley 5th
Tristyn Savat 8th
Kathryn Clark 11th
Max Gordon 23rd
Tayler Hillis 25th
Laura Beth Eskew 26th
Ron Chapman 27th
Lindsay Rhodes 28th
Renee Huck 28th

Deadlines

Local Events/Projects:

January 6 - 4-H Council Meeting 4:30 pm
January 9- Energizer Deadline
January 14- Youth Futures
January 30-31- Ag Expo & Officer Training
February 1- Youth Civic Leaders Summit Registration

February 14 – 4-H Regional Energizer, Kelly Schools
March 6-8 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Windermere
March 28-29- Teen Conference
APRIL 1 – Scholarship Applications due to the State Office
May 30 – State Sports Fishing Event

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
January 6 at 4:30 p.m. at the Extension office in Poplar Bluff.
The Butler County 4-H Council bylaws state that County Youth Liaisons, 2 volunteers and 2
members must attend from each club. In the past attendance has been low so please try to attend!

AG EXPO
This year there will be 2 new events at Ag Expo! 4-H/FFA Public Speaking and Officer Training. Public speaking will be held on Saturday from 9am-11am and Officer Training will be held Saturday from 9:30 am-11:30 am. Youth interested may attend both. The Ag Expo work schedule is below:

Friday 4:00pm-8:00pm:
4-H Steppin’ Up & Rifle Clubs

Saturday:
9:00 am- 1:00 pm Neelyville 4-H
10-2pm Rombauer Rascals Club
11-3 pm Royal Riders & Fisk Royals Clubs
Remember to wear your 4-H t-shirts & be ready to fundraise!
We have our quilt fundraiser tickets available now $1 each or 6 tickets for $5!

Youth Futures Classes
4-H has great news! Youth Futures is now open. If you are in grades 8-12 and want to attend college please contact Stephanie Milner at 573-686-8064 to see if you qualify for the program. There is no additional cost to current 4-H members, and 10 youth from the county can attend the Youth Futures Conference in Columbia this summer for FREE! The first class will be held on January 14 at 4:30 pm at the Extension office. The first class will be over Academic Preparedness for College.

Project Highlight: Theatre Arts
Learn about the fascinating world of make-believe. Create sound effects, make puppets and perform a skit. Try your hand at improvisations, create disguises and design costumes. Sound interesting? Then cast yourself into Theatre Arts! For more information visit http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/projects4.htm#theatre

4-H Move Across Missouri
If you have not yet enrolled there is still time! This is a project you can do in your own time and you are probably already doing it! 4-H can participate in teams or individually. Youth and adults fill out the MOVE log each month and turn it in to your local Extension office. All participants usually win a prize! Bonus: the office has 10% cards for Dunham’s for anyone who enrolls in the project!

Orscheln’s Discount
Recently 4-H received notice
that the 10% at Orscheln’s was discontinued. Orscheln’s wants to communicate with their stores on the status and will let us know when the 10% discount is reinstated.

4-H CLUB MEETINGS
We have several new clubs and new members this year! This is a reminder that at your club meetings officers should do the parliamentary procedures. For more information on club agendas and meetings please visit: http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/Y784.pdf & http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/Y619FILL.pdf.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING
Calling ALL officers! To do the best at your job 4-H is currently offering a 4-H club officer training during Ag Expo in January. Please come to the 4-H officer training Saturday, January 31 at 9:30 am at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff. We hope to see you all there!

HELP US BUILD THE NATIONAL 4-H HISTORY MAP
Your contribution is needed today to help us build the National 4-H Map. Give us your county’s notable historical tidbits, photos, factoids and features. It is preferred that there be a tie to 4-H. Please visit the website at http://goo.gl/vGF9nt to input your county’s information. Any questions contact Bob McNary at mcnaryrl@missouri.edu

LOCAL PROJECT
The Monarch Butterfly project is to make people aware of the plight of the monarchs and how to help them in the area. For more information visit: https://www.facebook.com/LakeChapalaMonarchs

4-H FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH VIDEO CONTEST
The Central State Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) is hosting a 4-H Farm Safety and Health Video Contest. This contest presents
an opportunity for 4-H students to:

- learn about agricultural safety and health issues,
- create an educational video that will provide outreach and become an enduring educational resource to their community,
- receive personal protective equipment and educational materials and
- win prize money for their 4H Chapter.

Have your 4H Club:
- Create a 60 second video on Safe Livestock Handling Practices (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, chickens……)
- Send in the video file by Friday January 16, 2015

- After the videos are posted online the students can invite their friends, family and community to view their video.
- The 3 videos with the most views by April 17 will receive cash prizes. All participating students receive a bag full of personal protective equipment.
- Please email Ellen ellen.duysen@unmc.edu or call (402-552-3394) with questions.

Just know, when you truly want success, you’ll never give up on it. No matter how bad the situation may get.” - Unknown

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Invisible Secret Messages

Ingredients (per child)

- 1 small cup
- 2 tablespoons of lemon juice
- small brush or cotton swab
- sheet of white paper
- 1 wide dish or small cake pan
- 10 drops of iodine
- paper towels
- rubber gloves (optional)

To Write the Secret Message
Pour the lemon juice in the cup. Ask each child to dip the brush or swab into the lemon juice and write a message or draw a picture on the paper. Let the paper dry completely (15 minutes). Ask them if they can see the writing.

To Reveal the Secret Message
Fill dish or pan with 1/2 inch of water and mix in iodine. Place the paper in the mixture and completely submerge it. After a few minutes, remove the paper and let it dry on the paper towels. Ask the children what the paper and writing looks like now.