December 4-H Meetings

Wednesday 3 & 17: Neelyville 4-H Club Meeting, 4pm

Wednesday 3 & 17: Royal Riders 4-H Club Meeting, 3:15pm

Wednesday 3: Rombauer Rascals Meeting, 5:30pm

Saturday 6: 4-H Rifle Club Meeting, 9am

Monday 15: Steppin’ Up 4-H Club Meeting, Extension Office, Poplar Bluff 5:30 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Billy DePew 9th
Drew Spradley 11th
Susan Dobbs 13th
Bayley Kelm 18th
Stormierayn Frazier 20th
Mary Provance 25th
Rachel Peel 27th
Breanna Wilson 31st

Please turn in club reports by December 31!

December 21 – 4-H Day with the Rams
December 31 – Enrollments Due
January 6 - 4-H Council Meeting 4:30 pm
January 9- Energizer Deadline
January 30-31- Ag Expo
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 9

Rombauer Rascals Complete Walking Trail

The Rombauer Rascals Club has been working hard to finish
the first ever walking trail in Rombauer. Community, church members and 4-H'ers came together to work on this project throughout the year. The Missouri 4-H Foundation grant provided the support the club needed to finish their project. Great job 4-H'ers!

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: LEADERSHIP**

If you were mayor, CEO of a company or president of the United States - how do you know you are implementing good leadership? How do you make the tough decisions? How do you get people to agree and follow your vision? How do you build relationships with people whose interests are different than yours? How do you improve your listening skills?

Being a leader is a complex responsibility; however, leadership skills are learned and developed over a lifetime. Join in the dynamic process of learning leadership skills through interactive activities, real life experiences in relationship building, communication group process, and planning and organization. All activities offer you the ability to become a good leader.

**DEADLINE TO ENROLL FOR $15 IS THIS MONTH!**

Many of you have not yet enrolled online. Please enroll soon to avoid paying more when dues increase this month. For more information or if you need assistance please contact your local Extension office.

Please remember the following:

- Families MUST have an email address
- You MUST be enrolled in at least one project
- If your club pays your dues, please check the box that says a check will be paid by the county
- Members will not be fully enrolled until all payments have been cleared
- Volunteers MUST turn in paper forms as well as enroll, but members do not need paper forms

To enroll visit: [https://mo.4honline.com](https://mo.4honline.com)
Santa Land is about giving children, ages 0-12, a safe place where they can go have fun at no charge! This is made possible by businesses and individuals who have a booth set up for crafts, stories, hot cocoa, etc.

If any 4-H Clubs are interested please contact Donna Bowman at Walmart; 686-6420.

The event will be held at the Black River Coliseum
301 S 5th Street
Poplar Bluff, Missouri 63901
On Tuesday, December 9th
From 6:00PM-8:00PM

Do you have a child between the ages 8-18 who may be interested in shooting sports? The 4-H Rifle club will hold its organizational meeting on Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 am at the Poplar Bluff Gun Club. Anyone who is interested may attend to learn more. For more information, please call the Butler County Extension Office at (573) 686-8064.

Enclosed is the flyer for the Southeast Regional Energizer. It will be held on Saturday, February 14 from 1-10pm at Kelly Schools in Benton. The day will have workshops, games, food, dancing and networking with 4-H’ers from the SE region. The cost is $20 per person and forms are due January 9! To print your Health Form from your family homepage from [http://mo.4honline.com](http://mo.4honline.com). Select the youth/adult name in the Reports section and choose the Health Form report, a PDF will immediately download for printing.

We hope to see you all there!

It’s almost time for the yearly AG Expo! This is an event for the whole family with chances for 4-H/FFA youth to participate in the first ever public speaking contest. Prizes will be awarded. All 4-H clubs are required to work this event and it is a great opportunity for club fundraisers. Watch for the work schedule to come soon and hold January 30 & 31 for our annual AG
Expo at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youth and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team. MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

The Youth Civic Leaders Summit is a statewide energizer for 4-H members ages 14-18 and adult leaders who are involved in service and want to have a positive impact on their communities! It is held at Windermere at the Lake of the Ozarks. The dates are March 6-8, 2015. You will register for Youth Civic Leaders online at http://mo.4honline.com and information is available at http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit/. Registration will be available in December and the county deadline is January 30, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY

Legislative Academy is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity for promising 4-H youth leaders. The goal is to strengthen relationships between Missouri 4-H and key lawmakers and donors, and for youth participants to acquire skills in legislative advocacy. The Academy was founded by Lowell Mohler and the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. The dates are February 16-18, 2015 and the deadline is December 1, 2014. The application is available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/academy/

Happy Holidays!

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”

Helen Keller

Stephanie Milner, 4-H Youth Specialist

10TH ANNUAL MISSOURI 4-H YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

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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.