February 4-H meetings:

Wednesday 5 & 19: 
Neelyville 4-H Club Meeting, 4pm

Wednesday 5: 
Rombauer Rascals Meeting, 5:30pm

Monday 17: Steppin’ Up 4-H Club Meeting, First United Methodist Church, Poplar Bluff 5:30 pm

Monday/Wednesdays: ASI Club Meetings, Sacred Heart Church, Poplar Bluff 3pm

Local Events/Projects:

February 1: Meats Judging Contest, Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Teen Conference, Agribusiness Academy

February 14: Regional Rep Applications for State 4-H Council

February 15: Beekeeping Essay Contest Application

March 15: Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Forms

Donations

Butler County 4-H has received several gifts this month! Thank you to our donors: Simply Swirled (fundraiser), Greenway Equipment (Farm Safety Day prizes), Orscheln (donation), Casey’s General Stores (donation), McDonalds (300 coupons), and Sonic (free drink vouchers).

4-H Council Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 at the University of Missouri Extension office in Poplar Bluff.

AG EXPO
Ag Expo 2014 was a great success! Over 7,000 people attended the 2-day event hosted by the University of Missouri Extension and Three Rivers College Agriculture program. 4-H organized the Farm Safety Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, February 25 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. A total of 178 youth participated in the event. Youth visited each participating company's booth and received a stamp on a passport once they completed the farm safety topic taught there. Completed passports were entered into a drawing for prizes donated by Greenway Equipment and the Army Corps of Engineers. The participating booths included: 4-H, Greenway Equipment, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Park Service, Kneibert Clinic, Monsanto, Ozark Border Electric Cooperative, Baker Implement, and the U.S. Forest Service. Youth learned about water safety, tractor safety, smokeless tobacco, grain bin safety, poison look-a-likes, ATV safety, electrical safety, and youth stress.

Statewide Events:

MISSOURI PORK EXPO

The 2014 Missouri Pork Expo will be February 11-12 in Columbia. There is usually a session called “In the Show Ring” for youth. Youth who attend the entire day of ‘In the Show Ring” normally receive Show-Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. For more information visit [http://www.mopork.com/events_MissouriPorkExpo.asp](http://www.mopork.com/events_MissouriPorkExpo.asp)

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

College is expensive but 4-H can help! 4-H participation and involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams.

In 2014 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 54 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Dates and location for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop are set: March 28-30, Camp JoOta near Clarence, MO. Look for details and registration forms to be available in mid-January. Look online at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm)

*If you are interested in attending, the cost of the workshop will be reimbursed afterwards!
are college students eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/. Applications are due March 24, 2014.

SHOW-ME 4-H WARES 2014

This year, Butler County is participating in the Show Me 4-H Wares program! This program is for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products at the Butler County Fair.

Any 4-H member, pair of 4-H members, or group of up to three 4-H members from the same club, is eligible to apply to market or sell original products or services. Applications will come at a later date.

2014 MISSOURI 4-H EQUINE TOUR WESTWARD BOUND!

Are you dreaming of combining your equine passion with a future career, interested in learning more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Tour may be just for you! The 2014 tour, May 20-26, will be exploring the horse industry in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado and is open to Missouri 4-H teens ages 14-18. Tours will include collegiate equine education departments, working cattle and horse ranches, and a possible Colorado trail ride. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, entertainment, outfitters, training, art, rodeo, saddle making, and equine welfare. In its eighth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths. The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and all travel related expenses. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are due before March 1, 2014. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, davisd@missouri.edu.

YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT MARCH 7–9, 2014

Event website: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit

Team registration – Nov. 2013 - Feb. 1, 2014

$125/person – some recreation options extra

Adult chaperone fees, youth partial scholarships available

Who should attend?
The Summit is a statewide retreat for teams of youth ages 14-18 and adult leaders and decision-makers.

Groups of new/existing leaders, representing a club, council, afterschool site, leadership team, countywide program, or organization. Groups working
in youth-adult partnerships and involved in local community civic engagement.
Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend; adults must be approved as 4-H volunteers by the event.

Theme
The Summit will gather youth and adult leaders to celebrate 100 years of Cooperative Extension, explore the changing landscape of careers/workforce skills, envision the future, and travel the highway to stronger clubs, councils, & communities!

Team registration
Counties can register one or more teams starting Nov. 2013. Registration packets will be mailed to county offices. Teams of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group that will be working together in 2014.
Individual youth registrations, or youth without adult team leader, cannot be accepted (contact others in your region). Team registration deadline is Feb. 1, 2014.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths 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/

STATE MEATS JUDGING CONTEST
When: February 15, 2014
Where: UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab
Time: Registration 8:30 and the contest starts at 9 a.m. and will conclude about noon with lunch provided for all participants, coaches and parents.
Cost: $15 per member – Make the check to University of Missouri, and mail it to 4-H Center, 1110 S. College, Columbia, MO 65211
Details: The top Senior team identified in this contest will advance to National. The State 4-H Meats Contests does not require a pre-qualification. Counties may enter any number of teams and or individuals.

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”
– Henry Ford

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Mini Heart Box

Supplies

• Mini Heart Boxes (cardboard boxes can be purchased at local craft stores)
• Red Paint
• Paint Brushes
• Ribbon/Lace
• Gemstones (can be purchased at local craft stores)
• Tacky glue
• Scissors
• Child’s Photo

Instructions

Each child paints a box. As the boxes are drying, help each child cut a heart shaped photo of him/her to glue on the box lid. Decorate the box with ribbon, lace and gemstones. Children can fill with candy or small treasures to give to someone for Valentine’s Day.