**July 4-H Meetings**

**Wednesday 2:**
Neelyville 4-H Club Meeting, 4pm

**Wednesday 2 & 16:** Royal Riders 4-H Club Meeting, 3:15pm

**Wednesday 2:**
Rombauer Rascals Meeting, 5:30pm

**To Be Announced:**
Steppin’ Up 4-H Club Meeting, First United Methodist Church, Poplar Bluff 5:30 pm

**Deadlines**

**Local Events/Projects:**

- **July 1** - Entries for MO State Fair
- **July 15** – Nominations for SEMO Fair due to Extension Office (goat, sheep, pigs), MO State Fair Demonstrations, Filmfest
- **August 1** - State Shoot Deadline
- **August 5** - SEMO Fair Livestock Entries
- **August 15** - Fashion Revue

**4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS**

Elijah Chapman and his family represented Butler County at the 4-H Day with the Cardinals. Elijah must be a good luck charm, as the Cardinals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1!

**Happy Birthday!**

Jordan Rose, July 1
Denise Brooks, July 10
Faith Lindsay, July 13
Joseph Kimbrell, July 16

Amber Phelan, July 23
Grace Daves, July 25
Kira Strouse, July 28

Missouri Extension office in Poplar Bluff.
PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: HORTICULTURE

Flowers: Greenhouses, flower arrangements, and flower beds, flowers can bring a smile to many faces. Enjoy activities working with flowers both inside and outside. Learn techniques in flower arranging, pest management, and plant science. Gardening (fruits and vegetables): Get outside and dig in the soil! You can grow your own fruit and vegetable garden with this project. Create rows of vegetables and fruit that you enjoy and are good for you and your family! Learn basic gardening techniques, how to plan a garden, learn about horticulture careers, and how to clean and cook your own food!

POPLAR BLUFF COMMUNITY GARDEN

Marge VanPraag, U.S. Forest Service, has rented a plot of land behind Key Drug in Poplar Bluff for the community garden. Any 4-H’ers interested in helping or learning about gardening may call Marge at (573) 718-3784 or email singsmom@gmail.com

CLUB HIGHLIGHT

The Royal Riders 4-H Club is planning a Bike Rodeo for the City of Qulin. A local police officer will be teaching the rules of riding bikes on the road. Safety, traffic rules and proper safety equipment will all be discussed. The meeting will be held at the Qulin Lions Club Monday, July 7 at 6 p.m. and is open to all bike riders! The Bike Rodeo will be scheduled for a later date.

SEMO 4-H CAMP

Heartland 4-H Camp was a blast! 4-H members from all over the region attended the 3-day camp at Lake Wappapello. Campers tie-dyed shirts, created bottle lava lamps, rode on pontoon boats, shot air rifles, discovered treasure using geocaching and made many new friends!
4-H DAY CAMP

**July 3** is the last day to enroll in this year’s Day Camp! Camp is scheduled for July 11 and the theme is Science. Day Camp will be held in Poplar Bluff and is for ages 6-11; youth ages 14-18 can apply to be counselors. For more information, contact your local extension office at (573) 686-8064.

**AEROSPACE CAMP**

Prepare to blast off for three fun-filled days on the Missouri S&T campus. Experience aeronautics and space flight from a ground-up perspective, as you learn about the history of flight, astronomy and space exploration. Your three days will be filled with computer simulations, interactive teamwork activities and practical hands-on experiences. Camp will be held July 15-17 and the registration fee is $275.00. To learn more or register, visit: [http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summercamps/](http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summercamps/)

**SHOW ME QUALITY ASSURANCE (SMQA)**

If you are exhibiting livestock at the SEMO District Fair OR are enrolled in a 4-H animal project, you must be SMQA certified. Please complete it online at: [http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/](http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/). **You will not be allowed to show if this is not completed.**

**SEMO FAIR**

SEMO fair will be here before you know it! Livestock entries are due August 5. Nomination forms for sheep, goats, and swine are due to the Cape County Extension Office on July 15. The forms are all posted at: [http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx)

*4-H Beef, swine, sheep, and goats show will be Sept. 10.*

*4-H Poultry, rabbits, guinea pig show is Sept. 6.*

*4-H Dairy and Dairy Bucket calves show is Sept. 7.*

*4-H Horses, mules and pony show is Sept. 12.*

*The 4-H Exhibit Hall will be accepting entries Sept. 5 from 5 pm – 7pm and Sept. 6 from 8am - 12 pm.*
4-H LICENSE PLATES
Did you know that ordering a specialty license plate that says "Missouri 4-H" is super easy?
Simply visit this website: http://dor.mo.gov/motorv/plates/#applying (Either print Form 1716 OR fill it out online).
Before you start the process, go to this link to find your license bureau number: http://dorMo.Gov/mvdl/offloc/
This is a nice way to support Missouri 4-H and to showcase belonging to our wonderful organization!

SHOW-ME 4-HWARES AT THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR
The 7th Annual Show Me 4-H Wares booth is accepting applications May 1–July 1 for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products and services at the Missouri State Fair August 7 – 10.
4-H'ers who are not in the project can also apply to sell wares at the fair.
Those who apply by July 15 will likely receive their preferred time slots. The last day we can receive applications is July 30. For more information, please contact: hennesss@missouri.edu

STATE FAIR: CALL FOR ENTRIES IN CONTESTS!
Entries in the Largest Homegrown Tomato Contest will be accepted in one age division, youth 3-12 years old. Entries in the Fun on the Farm Poster Contest will be accepted in two age divisions, youth 5-8 years old and youth 9-12 years old.

STATE 4-H FASHION REVUE
The date is September 13 on the MU campus in Columbia. The state registration due date is August 15. Cost is $25 per person and Registration and health forms are available at: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/fashionrevue/.
free snack from the AgriMissouri Market, located inside the Ag Building. Complete details for the contests are available at: www.mostatefair.com/special-contests.

ATTENTION: 4-H MEMBERS WHO GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014

The 4-H Alumni Study is a research study that is being conducted at the University of MO about your participation in 4-H Youth Development Programs.

If you graduated high school in 2014, participated in Missouri 4-H at any time during grades 9-12, and you are currently at least 18 years old, you are eligible to join this study.

The study will involve taking a total of 5 online surveys (one each year for 5 years) about your experiences in 4-H and other activities during your high school years. Each year’s survey will take roughly 30 minutes of your time to complete.

If you choose to complete the 2014 survey, you will be entered into a drawing for one of four $50 cash prizes (in the form of a check). To participate in the study, please visit the link below or scan the QR code by Tuesday, July 15.

http://surveys.missouri.edu/Missouri4H

If you have additional questions about the study, please contact Kimberly Keller at 573-882-7396 or KelerKJ@missouri.edu

BABYSITTING CLASS

Butler County MU Extension is offering a FREE babysitting short course for teens and preteens July 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Poplar Bluff Municipal Library. The deadline to register is Monday, July 21.

“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.”- Theodore Roosevelt

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Dandelion Search-What you need:

- Magnifying glasses
- Whole pulled dandelions (with the roots)

✓ What you do: Access prior knowledge by asking the children what the flower is. Ask them what they know about dandelions? Where do they grow? How do they get there? What do we use dandelions for? Next, let them explore the dandelions by taking them apart – ask questions about what they are doing and encourage them to use all their senses – what does it smell like? What does it feel like? What does it sound like when you rub them together? Etc. If you can, include a dandelion that is seeding – and let them blow them and plant the seeds. Talk about how the seeds get around.

Dandelion Painting-What you need:

- Dandelions
- Paint
- Paper

✓ What you do: Paint a picture using the dandelion as the paint brush. You can talk about how the different parts of the dandelions make different patterns, textures, etc in the art work.

Dandelion Seed Pictures-What you need:

- Paper
- Markers
- Glue
- “Seeded” dandelions

✓ What you do: Draw an “outdoors” picture on paper. As they draw, you can tell a story taking a walk in a field and coming upon a HUGE patch of dandelions. All of the sudden a big wind came up and blew the dandelion seeds around. Fill in a few of the areas of the paper with glue and blow the dandelion onto the paper. It takes a lot of dandelions to fill a whole sheet, so consider using half sheets.