**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Shylah Brooks, May 6
Hunter Aldridge, May 13
Park Martin, May 14
Channah Cates, May 17

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Congratulations to the Rombauer Rascals for receiving a Kemper and Pioneer Hi-Bred Community Service Grant of $1,000 for their walking trail community service project!
PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

You can do what you love and love what you do by starting your own business as an Entrepreneur! Whether you are interested in starting your own business, or simply wanting to explore what Entrepreneurism is all about, this project will help you get started. Additionally, the Entrepreneurship project works great alongside other 4-H projects you may already be doing such as: crafts, photography, baby-sitting, gardening, woodworking, or raising and selling animals.

CLUB HIGHLIGHT

The 4-H clubs are making a family recipe book. Club members have been selling ad space to local businesses and submitting family recipes to be published.

The Rombauer Rascals hosted an Easter egg hunt at the Rombauer General Baptist Church on April 19. They organized children’s games and provided drinks.

4-H COMMUNITY DAY

Have you ever thought about what you can do to help your community? This May, 4-H will be doing community service at the city cemetery on north Main Street. Here, we will be helping the community by placing flags on veterans’ graves for Memorial Day. Flags will be provided. Community service is not only an important part of 4-H, but helps build good character. I urge you to consider attending this day and helping out the community even if you do not live in this area. This is a great way to show your support and it never hurts for future scholarship and resume building as well! I hope to see you on Saturday, May 24 at 9 am to 12 pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided afterwards at the MU Extension Office in Poplar Bluff. Please RSVP so we know how much lunch to provide. Call the Butler County Extension Office at (573) 686-8064.

SEMO 4-H CAMP

This year’s camp is coming soon! Camp is scheduled for June 23-25 and theme is “Shoot for the Stars!” Camp is for ages 8-13, ages 14-18 can apply to become counselors. Counselor applications are
due by May 23 and the cost for counselors is $20. For more information contact your local extension office.

4-H DAY CAMP

Camp is scheduled for July 11 and the theme is Science. Camp will be held in Poplar Bluff and is for ages 6-11, ages 14-18 can apply to be counselors. For more information, contact your local extension office.

SHEEP AND GOAT SHOWMANSHIP & FITTING CLINIC

St. Francois County will be hosting a sheep and goat showmanship and fitting clinic on June 7 at the St. Francois County Fairgrounds from 8 am to 2 pm. The cost is $10 and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Registration forms are on the Cape County website and are due by May 17. [http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx)

PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY

Public Speaking Academy will be June 17-18 at the Central Methodist University in Fayette. It is open to all youth ages 11-13 years of age who are interested in learning more about public speaking. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, but academy spaces are limited to a maximum of 20 and will be filled on a "first come" basis. Cost is $100 and registration is due May 16. For more info go to [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/)

STATE FAIR MARKET BARROW DNA CARD

All market barrows entered for competition must be owned by May 1. A DNA Sample Card must be mailed to the State Fair by May 15 from the Extension Office for each market barrow entered. If you are considering entering a barrow in the State Fair, please contact the Extension Office to get a DNA card.

STATE FAIR MARKET LAMB AND MEAT GOAT NOSE PRINTS

If you are considering exhibiting your market lamb or meat goat at the State Fair, it must be owned by June 1 and a nose print must be taken and submitted by June 15. Contact the Extension Office to get this set up.

SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H Rifle and Archery clubs will be starting in Butler County soon! If you are interested, please contact Courtney Roberts or Stephanie Milner at (573) 686-8064.
MISSOURI AG PHOTO CONTEST

The Missouri Department of Agriculture today launched the 5th annual Focus on Missouri Agriculture contest, asking Missourians to share the unique stories and images of agriculture through photographs. The contest, which runs through June 30, is an opportunity for amateur photographers across the state to submit their best images of agriculture – from a beautiful MO farm, to a farm tractor that has been in the family for years and the fun and excitement of a child at agritourism operation. More information about the Missouri Department of Agriculture and its programs is available online at: agriculture.mo.gov.

SHOW-ME 4-H WARES (AND 4-H SALESMANSHIP CONTEST) 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 on August 7, 8, 9, or 10, 2014. For more information, please contact: hennesss@missouri.edu

GOODBYES

Jim Lichtenegger, YPA for Cape and Scott counties as well as Scott Greer from Oregon County will be leaving us. I know several of our 4-Her’s and parents know Jim from the Regional Energizers and Scott from Summer Camp. They will be missed dearly but we wish them the absolute best of luck in their future endeavors. Thanks to Jim and Scott for all their hard work and enthusiasm with the 4-H Program!

“We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.”- Helen Keller

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Supplies

- Glue
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Foam shapes
- Sequins
- 1 large pizza box (clean and empty) per child (check local pizza restaurants for donations)
- Other craft items

Directions

Glue construction paper to the lid of the pizza box and decorate with craft materials. Children can add their photo or other items, too. Each child will then have a box to store artwork, important papers and other items.