THE BUTLER
4-H BULLETIN

September 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 13:
4-H Rifle Club Meeting, 9am

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stephanie Milner, Sept. 2
Dillon Cross, Sept. 4
Michael Scott, Sept. 6
Allison Politte, Sept. 10
Billy Gribbins, Sept. 15
Crystal Brooks, Sept. 18
Tim Heuiser, Sept. 18

Deadlines

Local Events/Projects:

September 5-6 - SEMO Fair
Exhibit Entries Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 8-12 noon

September 6 - State Livestock Judging Contest, SEMO Fair Parade

September 6-13 - SEMO Fair

September 15 - Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Deadline

September 20-21 - State Shooting Sports Contest

September 23-27 - Delta Fair

September 27 - Youth Leadership Day, Kansas City

October 11 - Regional Energizer in Poplar Bluff

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Missouri Extension office in Poplar Bluff. The Butler County 4-H Council Bylaws state that 2 volunteers and 2 members must attend from each club. Come share your event, fundraiser and activity ideas!

Please turn in club reports by September 30!
PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: ROBOTICS

Exploring 4-H Robotics is an ideal way to introduce science, math, engineering and technology while teaching life skills. Through hands-on activities, the 4-H Robotics project teaches basic concepts related to robotic subsystems, such as: structure, power, sensors, control and programming. These concepts are the foundation for building robots and robotic subsystems from a variety of materials and packaged kits. 4-H Robotics has projects for a wide variety of interests and available resources. For more information, check out: http://4h.missouri.edu/projects3.htm#robotics

Join Now! 4-H!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Enrollment Coming Soon! The 4-H year officially ends on August 31. We will now be entering into the 2015 4-H year. There are no longer member enrollment forms and leaders will be enrolling members online starting next month.

ALL leaders are still required to complete the volunteer form and orientation before they can start meeting with their project groups or clubs. This is a state requirement. To complete the online version, visit: http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/application.htm. 4-H dues are currently $15 a year, but will increase to $25 beginning January 1, 2015. Remember, this covers membership for an entire 4-H year and both county and state fees. Please see the attached letter from Ina Linville, 4-H State Director, for more information.

CLUB HIGHLIGHT

During the Royal Riders meeting, Phyllis Flanigan assisted members in making crafts for the Butler County Fair. Everyone painted, glued and designed a craft to enter in the Youth Arts & Crafts category. The new CYL’s, Emma and Lindsay, were announced and are excited to begin!

COUNTY YOUTH LIAISONS

After reviewing the applications, two County Youth Liaisons were selected for Butler County. Congratulations to Emma Redmon and Lindsay Rhodes! County Youth Liaisons, or CYL’s, are elected to interact with clubs and the 4-H Council to identify needs of the county.
and clubs. This position will look great on resumes and when applying for scholarships!

SHOW-ME 4-H WARES AT THE BUTLER COUNTY FAIR
The Butler County 4-H Show-Me Wares booth is accepting applications for young entrepreneurs to sell their 4-H products at the Butler County Fair

**September 10 - 12.**

4-H'ers who are not in the entrepreneurship project are also eligible to sell at the fair. Applications are due to the Butler County office by September 5.

BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

The Butler County Fair is almost here! This year, the fair will be held at the Black River Coliseum September 10 – 12. There are over sixty categories specifically for youth exhibits. Remember, all youth items will receive ribbons and prize money! Entries will be accepted Wednesday, September 10 from 3-8pm and Thursday, September 11 from 7-10am. If you have any questions, please call (573) 686-8064 or stop by the Butler County Extension office at 222 N Broadway for a fair book.

PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

- You may enter 3 items per project. (These cannot be school projects, only items made in 4-H)
- Please note that some projects require a “signature of the Project Leader” so please read the Fair Book requirements in advance of completing your entry tags.

ROBOTICS CONFERENCE CANCELLED

There is strong interest in youth robotics throughout Missouri, however, a conference format at this time appears not to be the best way to build on that interest. As we move forward we will keep you informed about future youth robotics trainings and opportunities.
SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

Are you interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor? There are many disciplines to choose from, such as: air rifle, archery, trap, skeet, .22 rifle and more.

**Registration is due September 15, but don’t wait!** The workshops fill quickly, so register as soon as possible. Details and the registration form are available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website:
http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

Regional Energizer

This year is the 1st ever Southeast Regional Energizer in Poplar Bluff on October 11 from 1pm to 8pm at the First United Methodist Church on 500 N Main Street. The Energizer is a fun-filled day of events for ages 8-18. This year there will also be volunteer workshops as well! Costs and registration forms are coming soon! We hope to see you there!

IT’S CANNING SEASON!

Many people are canning for the first time this year. Remember: all recipes today have to be processed! Be sure to use a recipe that has been tested for safety. Many recipes have been passed down through generations, but it may not be safe. Always preserve with the most current, research-based information. The University of Missouri Extension offers free canning guides that are easy to use.

When it comes to canning, creativity and canning don’t mix. It is important to leave the recipes just the way they are. Adding or removing ingredients can alter the acidity levels and therefore cause an unsafe product. Remember to process at 10 pounds of pressure with a weighted gauge or 11 pounds with a dial gauge. Remember to have the dial gauge tested each year. For more information, call Phyllis Flanigan at (573) 686-8064.

4-H ENROLLMENT DUES – OPTIONS FOR COVERAGE

HealthCare USA/Aetna Insurance pays for 4-H membership dues for 4-Hers who use this insurance. This is an option for dues payment. Chris Willow in the Missouri 4-H Foundation office put together the following that
will help you navigate this process:

Attached to the newsletter is a HealthCare USA/Aetna blank voucher for you to see as an example. The 4-H Foundation processes the vouchers that are sent to the Foundation office quarterly and then sends the county checks- ($15 dollars for each participating member) once the check from HealthCare USA/Aetna is received.

Options for other insurance companies:
Home State Health Plan- this is a fairly new addition with a similar process as HealthCare USA/Aetna; parent and or guardian obtain a voucher direct with Home State. The 4-H County Extension office sends the completed vouchers to the 4-H Foundation office and we process them quarterly ($15 dollars for each participating member)

Call 855-694-4663 to request vouchers.

Missouri Care- this option is handled directly with the Club Leaders requesting and sending forms directly to Missouri Care:

Missouri Care
Attn: Customer Service
2404 Forum Blvd
Columbia, MO 65203
800-322-6027
Fax 860-902-9530
Please contact Chris Willow at 573-882-2680 with questions.

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“Character is a diamond that scratches every other stone.”
-Cyrus A. Bartol

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2015 OUTBOUND EXCHANGE

Are you interested in going to another country? Spend a summer abroad and immerse yourself in another culture. See attached information flyers about the outbound programs available for the summer of 2015 to Japan, Finland and Costa Rica. Applications are due to the state office on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2014. Check out our website for more details or email Joyce Taylor at: TaylorJL@missouri.edu.
Have you considered helping your Clover Kids write and send handwritten thank you notes? Teaching children to write thank you notes is a simple act that goes a long way in the development of good social skills. Here are a couple of suggestions to help get your Clover Kids going:

- **Be positive.** Briefly explain that the gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated. The way you talk about thank you notes will influence whether your children think of writing them as a chore or as something thoughtful they can do for someone who has done something for them.
- **Give choices and help make writing thank you notes fun.** For children that don’t yet write, encourage them to draw pictures. Provide a variety of interesting and colorful paper, pens/pencils, crayons/markers, glitter and glue. Let them choose the ones they will use.
- **Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart.** Help children understand the effort they put into creating a thank you is just as valuable as the gift itself.
- **Be a good example and write letters!** Children learn to be courteous and responsible by watching adults.

**Ideas for Making Thank You Stationery**

- Stamps and pads
- Stickers
- Decorate plain note cards
- Stencils
- Use decorative-edged scissors
- Cut thank you postcards from card stock
- Make thumbprints with washable ink pads (make balloons, flowers, patterns, people, words, or a clover)