March 2014
Cape Girardeau County 4-H News

Dates to Remember:

March 3 – 4-H Camp Planning Meeting – Upper level, Extension Office – 6:30 pm
March 7-9 – Youth Civic Leaders, Windermere Center, Lake of the Ozarks
March 8 – Livestock Grading and Judging Workshop and Contest, Columbia
March 8 – WHEP Workshop, Columbia
March 15 – Steer Weigh in, Fruitland
March 22-23 – Teen Conference, Columbia
March 28-30 – Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Clarence

April 3 – 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Flickerwood Arena
April 7 – 4-H Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, Upper Level

May 17 – 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals
May 28-30 – State 4-H Congress, Columbia

June 21 – Quad County Competition Shoot, Apple Creek Conservation Range
June 25-27 – 4-H Camp, Pine Crest Campground, Fredericktown

Upcoming Events:
Volunteer Orientation
If you are a new volunteer and have not previously completed a volunteer orientation, you will need to do so before working with youth. To be a recognized volunteer, you must complete this training. It can be completed online or in person. The link to the online training has changed. It is now located at: http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html. The quiz at the end must be completed. Orientation must be completed by March 31st.
Camp Counselor Applications
Camp Counselor applications are now available. Teens who are between 14 – 18 years old received an application in the mail. All counselors will be required to complete a short interview. The applications are due to the Extension Office on **February 28**th. The application can be found at [http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/capegirardeau/4H.aspx)

Camp
The theme will be Olympics! The next camp planning meeting is Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Extension Office. All youth and adults who are interested in planning are welcome to attend.

Livestock Judging
The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will take place on Thursday, April 3 at Flickerwood Arena. It will be held in conjunction with the FFA contest. Details about registration will be in the April newsletter. You will need to call the Extension Office for a school excused absence letter.

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover
The next paper clover promotion at Tractor Supply Company will be April 23 – May 4. We received $230 from the Fall campaign. This is a great way for people to show support and thank TSC for partnering with 4-H. Encourage everyone you know to visit TSC in Cape and buy a clover.

State 4-H Congress
State 4-H Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her’s ages 14-19. The State 4-H Council plans this event on the University of Missouri campus. The theme is “A New League of Super Leaders.” Registration will be **due April 4**. Registration and information is available at the Extension Office or online at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/index.htm#forms](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/index.htm#forms).

Public Speaking Academy
The 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**th. For more information go to [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/publicspeaking/)

Wildlife Habitat Educational Program (WHEP) Revival
4-H members and volunteers with an interest in the great outdoors whether it’s wildlife, habitat, or the management of wildlife and habitat are encouraged to participate. WHEP is a contest-based educational activity which helps youth understand basic concepts of wildlife management science. There is a workshop on March 8 and the State Contest is April 28, both in Columbia. The National contest will be held in Columbia in July. Some information is available now on the 4-H Wildlife web page; more will follow. [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/whep.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/wildlife/whep.htm)

4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals
Watch the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Atlanta Braves on Saturday, May 17th at 1:15 pm. Tickets for the game are $25 each and includes a T-shirt. Raffle tickets are also available. Order forms are available at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/) or the Extension office. Orders must be received by **April 7**.
Steer Weigh in
Steer weigh in has been scheduled for March 15, 2014 at the Fruitland Livestock Auction from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm. REMEMBER: You must have your steer weighed on March 15 if you plan to show at the SEMO Fair. Bring $2.00 cash for tag fees per steer!

State Fair Steer Ownership Date
In order to be eligible to exhibit your steer at the State Fair, you must own the animal by March 1. Contact the Extension Office if you are considering exhibiting your steer at the State Fair so a nose print can be taken. Nose prints are due by March 15, so they must be done before steer weigh in.

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, 2014 from the Extension Office for each market barrow entered. An animal identification (ear notch) must be included on the DNA Sample Card. If you are considering entering a barrow in the State Fair, please contact the Extension Office to get a DNA card.

Southeast Regional Energizer
The Energizer was a great success and had the largest attendance yet at 85 members! Cape County was well represented by Andrew Aufdenberg, Julie Aufdenberg, Nathan Aufdenberg, Cyrus Burns, Charlie Carlton, Lauren Crutsinger, Morgan Crutsinger, Anthony Kobak, Adam Koenig, Joshua Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Emily Landewee, Renee Peters, Steven Peters, Bridget Schumer, Ryan Schumer, Alex Seyer, Brent Seyer, Chelsea Seyer, Ethan Seyer, Taylor Seyer, Andrea Slinkard, and Charli Jo Sparks. The Regional Representatives and County Youth Liaisons did a great job planning and organizing the event. Special thanks to Bridget Schumer and Jim Lichtenegger for all their hard work and time!

Youth Civic Leaders
The Youth Civic Leaders Summit is a statewide weekend retreat for teens and adults who are active or aspiring leaders and decision makers in their communities. Cape County will be represented by Andrew Aufdenberg, Julie Aufdenberg, Nathan Aufdenberg, Victoria Kobak, Joshua Koenig, Renee Peters, Bridget Shumer, and Ryan Schumer. Wanda Aufdenberg will be the chaperone.

Teen Conference
Cape County will be well represented at Teen Conference in March by Caleb Aufdenberg, Zach Aufdenberg, Faith Boettcher, Charlie Carlton, Morgan Crutsinger, Amelia George, Katelyn George, Maggie Howe, Rachel Howey, Adam Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Michaela Lee, Dylan Muench, Steven Peters, Brent Seyer, Taylor Seyer, Andrea Slinkard, and Hailey Yates. Chaperones are Angela Crutsinger and Debbie Howey. This event is planned by the State 4-H Council and attendees will make new friends, build leadership skills, connect with peer leaders, and see the opportunities which await as a 4-H teenager.

4-H Quad County Shoot
The Quad County Shoot will be held June 21st at Apple Creek Range in northeast Cape Girardeau County. This year events will be held in Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. Members are required to compete in this event if they plan to compete at state. You are not required to compete at state, if you compete in this event. Shooting Sports members will be mailed entry forms in March.
**Scholarship Opportunity:**
The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. Sixty scholarships are available, each ranging from $500 to $2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. **Applications are due to the Extension Office on March 18.** For more information go to: [http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms)

**Announcements:**

**Regional Representative**
Cape County has two members running for Regional Representative this year, Nathan Aufdenberg and Ryan Schumer. Elections will be held at State Congress in May. There are a total of six 4-H members running for the Southeast Region. Bridget Schumer will also be running for State 4-H President. **Good Luck!**

**Newsletters**
The newsletter can be found online at: [http://extension.missouri.edu/capecirardeau/4H.aspx](http://extension.missouri.edu/capecirardeau/4H.aspx). This month a page from the 4-H Coloring Book is included drawn by Jordan Collins of Scott County. It is available online at [http://4h.missouri.edu/index.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/index.htm)

**Chip Bags and Yogurt Cups**
The 4-H Council continues to collect chip bags and yogurt cups to recycle with TerraCycle. Money received will support the 4-H program in Cape County. **DO NOT** bring them to the Extension Office; give them to your Club Leader to bring to the April 4-H Council meeting. Let your family, friends, and neighbors know about this opportunity. All containers must be **CLEAN!**

**Drop Box**
If you need to return paperwork after hours, you can put it in the drop box at the Extension Office to Maryann, Jim or Lesley’s attention.

**Due Dates**
**February 28** – Camp Counselor Applications  
**March 18** – 4-H Scholarship Applications  
**March 31** – Volunteer Orientation must be completed  
**April 4** – State Congress Applications

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*As with any event or activity mentioned in this newsletter, if you need forms or additional information, contact the Extension Office. We often have the needed information in our files, or we can access the information on the web for you, available.*

**Missouri 4-H website:** [http://4h.missouri.edu/index.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/index.htm)  
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