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 Due

February 15: Beekeeping Essay Contest Application

March 15: Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Forms

SEMO FAIR

Steer weigh in has been scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Fruitland Livestock Auction from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for SEMO Fair. All youth need to bring $2.00 cash for tag fees per steer.

State Fair

To be eligible to exhibit a steer in the state fair you must own the animal by March 1. Please contact your local extension office so nose prints can be taken. Nose prints are due March 15.

MISSOURI PORK EXPO

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

Those attending receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. It is strongly encouraged that attendees pre-register.

All information can be found on the website, www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp. Click on the Register Now button to register and pay (if necessary) online.

STATE MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

February 15, 2014 at UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab

Registration begins at 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

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

*If you are interested in attending the cost of the workshop will be reimbursed afterwards!

**STATE 4-H COUNCIL**

The 2013-2014 State 4-H Council met in Columbia in January. One of the many things on the agenda included selecting which candidates will run for office at the next State Congress.

**PRESIDENT**
Trent Ludwig (Cole) and Bridget Schumer (Cape Girardeau)

**VICE PRESIDENT**
Marcie Eggers (Livingston) and Nathan Smith (Franklin)

**TREASURER**
Nick Dungy (Livingston) and Mikayla Engeman (Henry)

**SECRETARY**
Jennifer Durbin (Marion) and Cooper Sadowsky (Harrison)

This team will comprise the Executive Committee of the 2014-15 State 4-H Council.

Congratulations!

**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 are college students are 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.

**4-H ROBOTICS**

Throughout Junk Drawer activities, youth are challenged to build robots from everyday items. Youth can use their Robotics Notebook to record their learning experiences, robotic designs, and data.

The Curriculum is comprised of four books and 2 CDs; each is designed to meet the diverse requirements of 4-H clubs, after-school programs, individual youth, and school enrichment activities. The curriculum was developed for all levels of expertise: from beginning to advanced.

The National Youth Summit on Robotics will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center beginning on Thursday, February 14, 2014 and ending on Monday, February 17, 2014!

"Whatever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve." – Napoleon Hill

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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.