To start a 4-H Club in Dunklin County, please contact Stephanie Milner at 573-686-8064. The new 4-H Year starts now and ends August 2015.

**Deadlines/Upcoming Events**

- **October 5-11**- National 4-H Week
- **October 11**- Regional Energizer – Cancelled
- **November 1**- Outbound Exchange

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: FINANCIAL CHAMPIONS**

Do I really need this new text messaging plan? Can I afford it? Do I only want it because I saw this ad? In this project learn about needs, wants, money personalities and values, goal-setting, communication and ways to save money. You will also learn the benefits and drawbacks of credit, advertising influences, consumer decision-making and how to select financial services. Learning more about money can help you understand how to plan for purchases.

**SOUTH DUNKLIN COUNTY 4-H AT SEMO FAIR**

Congratulations to 4-H Members Katie and Chase McClelland! Katie won 5th place Class 3 Mid-weight 4-H; 1st place Class 5 Light Heavy-weight 4-H; Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Swine; Reserve Champion Junior 4-H Showmanship; and 4th place Class 2 and 2nd place Class 3 Real Time Carcass on Foot. Chase won...
6th place Class 3 Mid-weight 4-H; Champion Senior 4-H Showmanship. He has won this every year he has been there, except one, and he was Reserve that year. Great job 4-Hers!

The enrollment system is called 4-H Online. Information about enrolling in the new system will be given to the club leaders soon!

NEW 4-H YEAR AND ENROLLMENT

The new 4-H year will begin October 1, 2014. The State 4-H office is transitioning to a new enrollment system. 4-H members will enroll online instead of using a paper form. This will allow a member to check to see what projects they are enrolled in and to switch their projects. Club leaders will also be able to view a roster of their club members. These are just a few of the exciting possibilities with this system!

NEW YEAR MEANS NEW OFFICERS!

It is a new 4-H year and time to elect new officers. Remember the officers include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. This year, we would like the reporter to send the club meeting reports to the office. If you need information about parliamentary procedures it can be found at: http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/Y784.pdf

VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENTS

Volunteers will complete a paper form this year and will be asked to enter their information online in the new system. Volunteers must also fill out the confidentiality form. By enrolling online, it will allow project leaders to view the members enrolled in their projects and contact them. Forms can be found online at http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG636FILL.pdf and http://4h.missouri.edu/resources/materials/docs/LG637.pdf

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS 2015

June 20-June 29, 2015: A chartered bus trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth ages 14-18. 4-H members will stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center near Washington, D.C. and
participate in a week-long program enriching their lives with activities that broaden their appreciation and respect for themselves and others. 4-H Members will tour national landmarks and meet their elected officials. Side trips to Fort McHenry and New York City will follow the conference.

**Total Trip Cost: $2,000**
Costs include all travel expenses on chartered bus, tours and ticket costs, lodging at the National 4-H Center and hotels, meals, registration for the CWF conference, Dinner Theatre, CWF and Missouri 4-H polos. The only expense not included is cost of souvenirs. Cost includes funds for meals while traveling.

**Payment Schedule:**
December 1 $500 and application; January 15 $500; February 15 $500 April 15 $500

**Application available:**
[http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cwf](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cwf) Go to: [www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org](http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org) for more information.

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**2015 NATIONAL HISTORY DAY IN MISSOURI CONTEST**

Missouri 4-H’ers are invited to join over 3,000 other Missouri students in grades 6-12 to investigate their favorite parts of history! By participating, students can explore the past in a creative, hands-on way. Become an expert by producing a documentary, building an exhibit, writing a paper, giving a performance, or designing a website.

To get involved, check out the regional contest information at: [http://www.nhdmo.org/contest-information.html](http://www.nhdmo.org/contest-information.html). The State Historical Society of Missouri invites you to explore your favorite parts of your Missouri heritage as you fortiy the leadership, communications, and citizenship skills you’re developing in 4-H. To see past projects and hear from an award-winning teacher, visit: [http://nhdmo.org](http://nhdmo.org). For more information, contact:

Maggie Mayhan
Coordinator, National History Day in Missouri
The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**$2,500 MONSANTO FUND**

Clubs are encouraged to reach out and persuade local farmers to apply on their behalf.

**How does an eligible farmer apply?** It takes less than five minutes to apply, and the application period runs August 1 through November 30 of this year. There are 3 possible ways to nominate a club or county program:

1. **ONLINE APPLICATION:**

2. **PAPER NOMINATION:**

3. **CALL 1-877-267-3332.**

**Who is eligible to apply?** This program is designed for
farmers who live in one of the 1,324 eligible counties, are 21 years or older, and actively engaged in farming,
- at least 250 acres of corn, soybeans and/or cotton, OR
- farm 40 acres of open field vegetables, OR
- at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture.

How are winners selected?
One winner will be selected at random from each of the eligible 1,324 counties across 40 states. Winning farmers and recipient nonprofits will be announced in January 2015.

2015 ELIGIBLE COUNTIES IN SE MISSOURI: Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, and Stoddard.

Monsanto has promotional materials you can download & use:

**COMPETE FOR REGIONAL/STATE AWARDS**

Members ages 8-10, 11-13 and 14 & over (as of 1-1-2014) may choose to complete the “Missouri 4-H Recognition Form” for their age group. It includes everything you’ve done in your 4-H projects and activities. For the form, go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.html#reports or call the Extension Office.

**2015 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS**

For grades 5-12 on the basis of their volunteer activities. Now through November 4, 2014, 4-H’ers can apply online at http://spirit.prudential.com or www.nassp.org/spirit

Applications must be submitted to the Extension office by November 4.

A state-level judging committee will pick the top youth volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia, who will receive silver medallions, $1,000 awards, and an-all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.

In Washington D.C., a national selection committee (on which I serve) will name America’s top 10 youth volunteers for 2015. They will receive an additional $5,000 award, gold medallion, crystal trophy, and a $5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation to designate to the charitable nonprofit organization of their choice.

If you have any questions or need a paper version of the application form, please call 877-525-8491. Additional information is available at http://spirit.prudential.com.

“With will one can do anything.”
Samuel Smiles

**Stephanie Milner, 4-H Youth Specialist**

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Mix

- 2 cups wheat germ
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 3 cups wheat flour
- 3-4 cups white flour
- 4 teaspoon salt

Add

- 1 egg
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 2 cups warm water
- 1 can condensed chicken broth

Knead ingredients together.

Use cookie cutters to make shapes.

Bake at 300 degrees F for 45 minutes.