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St. Charles County Edition

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Dates to Remember

April

- 1 4-H Council State Congress Scholarship applications due
- 3 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 9 Cardinal Day ticket orders due
- 12 BB/Pellet orientation - 6 p.m. - practice site
- 19 Show Me Quality Assurance Workshop, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Dairy Queen fundraiser, 5-9 p.m. Wentzville - Junior Leaders
- 24 Junior Leader Meeting
- 26 County Robotics program to begin
- 28 Swine Weigh-in, St. Charles County Fairgrounds
- 30 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30 p.m.

May

- 1 County rabbit project meeting and judging contest, 7 p.m.

May - continued

- 1 Junior Leader scholarship applications due
- 1 Shooting sports scholarship applications due
- 1 4-H council scholarship applications due
- 5 Market lamb weigh in, 9 a.m.
- 19 4-H Day with the Cardinals
- 22 Junior Leader Meeting
- 23 Camp Counselor Training, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday, office closed
- 30 4-H Council Meeting

June

- 2 State Sportfishing Event
- 5 Judging and Achievement Day
- 7-9 K-9 Camp at Clover Point
- 9 State Poultry Day
- 11-12 Camp Counselor Training at Camp
- 12-14 4-H Camp (8-13 year olds)

Mandatory Swine Weigh In

This is a reminder that there will be a mandatory weigh in and ear tagging for all swine, April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the fairgrounds. If you are planning to show swine at the St. Charles County Fair in July, you or someone you designate must bring your hogs to the weigh in and have them tagged on this day. Exhibitors may tag up to 3 hogs at the weigh in. The day of the swine show at the fair, you will decide which hog to enter in the market class and which hogs to enter in the carcass class. Each exhibitor may enter one market hog and one carcass hog. Market hogs may sell at the livestock auction. Carcass hogs will be shipped after the show. If you show up with your hogs at the fair without the proper ear tag, you will not be allowed to show. Contact Doug Roettger, Superintendent (dougroettger@centurytel.net) if you have questions.

Market Lamb Weigh In

There will be a mandatory market lamb weigh in and ear tagging held May 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds located in Rotary Park, Wentzville. Market lambs must be at the weigh in and receive an ear tag in order for the 4-H member to show at the county fair in July. Exhibitors may tag up to four market lambs, however only two may be shown. Contact Sami Huber (shuber@murraystate.edu) if you have questions. All sheep project leaders are asked to help with the weigh-in. Nose printing will be done at this time also for market lambs that you plan to take to State Fair.



Show Me Quality Assurance

This is a reminder that all 4-H members enrolled in a food animal project (including beef, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of the Show Me Quality Assurance certification in order to be in good standing in the project and be eligible to show at the fair. Many of you attended an SMQA training last year, or completed the on line version, however, depending on age, you may have to do this again. If you are not sure of your status, contact the Extension office. You can complete the on line tutorial, print off the certificate after you successfully complete the tutorial, and send it to the Extension Office for me to verify. The tutorial is available at www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa. An in-person class will be held on April 19 at 6:30 in the large meeting room at the Extension Center.

Judging and Achievement Day (note time changes for 2018)

It is time now for 4-H members to begin planning for their participation in the 2018 Judging and Achievement Day scheduled for June 5 at **St. Charles County Community College. (New Location!)** 4-H Clubs need to begin now promoting this major summer program. Events for the day include:

Judging Events

4-H members will have the opportunity to participate in any judging category; they do not have to be enrolled in a particular project to judge that category. There is a limit to the number of categories members may judge in. 1st & 2nd year members may only judge in three (3) categories and 3rd year or higher may judge in only five (5) categories. Members do not have to pre-register for judging events before the day of the event, but they must register at the college beginning at 9:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. No judging cards will be issued after 11:00 a.m.

Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

4-Hers may give demonstrations or illustrated talks in any project in which they are enrolled. Demonstrations will begin at 2:00 p.m. The recommended time for demonstrations and illustrated talks is 4-6 minutes for members 8-10 years of age, and 7-10 minutes for members age 11 and older. Keep in mind the special demonstration categories eligible for State Fair as you plan your demonstration. Our county may nominate demonstrations in the following categories:

- Electric Theatre Demonstrations
- General Demonstrations
- Working Demonstrations
- Egg Demonstration Contest
- Pork Demonstration Contest

- International Topic Demonstration Contest
- Agri-Missouri Foods Demonstration Contest
- Cooking with Honey

Note: The Missouri Sheep Producers will provide special monetary recognition for any demonstrator presenting a general or working demonstration about lambs, wool, or sheep. The title of the demonstration must include a specific reference to sheep to qualify.

For more details on any of these demonstration categories or contests go to the website <https://4h.missouri.edu/statefair/4hbuildinginfo#gsc.tab=0> We strongly encourage 4-H members to do a demonstration. This is a great learning opportunity and a great way of showing other people what you have learned in your 4-H project. Pre-registration is required for demonstration and you should pre-register through your club leader.

Fashion Revue

4-H Fashion Revue is a competitive event for youth enrolled in 4-H clothing and textile projects. At the county contest, members may participate in one of four categories; clothes you make, clothes you buy, crochet, & knit. Each county may send up to eight contestants to the State contest; one junior (age 8-10), one intermediate (age 11-13) and one senior (age 14-18) in the Clothes You Make and in the Clothes You Buy categories. One contestant (junior, intermediate, or senior) may participate in the Knit and in the Crochet categories. Fashion Review will begin at 10:00 a.m.

A fashion show will be added to the county contest again this year and will be included in the judging. Participants will receive instruction on this and have time to practice. First place winners in each age division are eligible to go to the State Fashion Revue contest. Pre-registration is required for Fashion Revue and you should pre-register through your club leader.

Public Speaking

Youth may participate in either prepared speaking, extemporaneous speaking, or technology assisted speaking (using PowerPoint). For the prepared speech contest, speeches may be on any topic of the participant's choice that is in good taste for a group of peers and adults. The speech must be prepared specifically for the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Prepared speeches should be 3 to 5 minutes for juniors (8-13) and 5 to 7 minutes for seniors (14-18). Negative points will be assessed for exceeding seven minutes. For the extemporaneous speeches, contestants will be given five minutes to prepare for a three-minute speech. Contestants will draw a topic the day of the contest from topics related to 4-H. Technology assisted speeches are subject to the same rules and guidelines as prepared speeches but allow for the use of presentation software (such as Power-

Point). The Public Speaking Contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required for Public Speaking and you should pre-register through your club leader.

Boys & Girls Grooming

Boys & girls age 8 -13 may participate in the grooming contest. The judge will evaluate them on the basis of personal care, clothing (be prepared to tell the judge what occasion you are dressed for), posture, and general impression (be sure to put a smile on your face!). Boys and girls will register for grooming when they arrive and sign in that morning. Times will be assigned. Grooming will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Demonstration Resources

As you prepare for Judging and Achievement Day and begin to get your demonstrations in order, remember that we have an excellent 4-H demonstration guidesheet and worksheet that can help you, especially if this is your first time doing a demonstration. Please call the Extension Center if you would like a copy of the guide sheet and worksheet or visit the State 4-H website <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources-and-forms/#Demonstrations>

4-H Judging Resource

Every year we get calls asking what Judging & Achievement Day is all about. We especially get lots of questions about judging. Judging is making a decision and telling why you made it. All of us make decisions every day. Judging helps 4-H members develop their decision making skills. This is a learning activity that is much easier to explain with visuals. With that in mind, I invite and encourage you to visit this website There you will find an excellent guide sheet called Judging: A 4-H Teaching Technique and a video called How to Judge in 4-H. If you don't have access to a computer and/or the Internet, contact the Extension office.

County 4-H Robotics Project begins April 26

The county robotics project uses the LEGO Mindstorm EV3 Robotics (Project numbers RO884, RO885, RO886 and RO887). If you wish to participate in this project please log into 4HOnline and make sure that you are enrolled in the correct project. Grant Herin will be leading this project



again this year. Please plan to attend the project meetings being held at the Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters 63376 in the large meeting room in the back of the parking lot. Note – the first meeting April 26th will be in the small meeting room in the front of the building.

In order to be properly prepared, the project leaders would like to know who is attending. Please email Ginger Herin at scottngingerh@msn.com and let them know if you plan on attending.

Dates: April 26, 6 – 8 p.m. – Extension Center (small meeting room in the front of the building)

May 3, 6 – 8 p.m. – Extension Center

May 16, 6 – 8 p.m. – Extension Center

May 19 - 4-H Robotics Competition in Columbia

June 7, 6 – 8 p.m. – Extension Center

June 9 - Activity you may want to attend – Missouri FIRST Robotics State Championship – Liberty High School <https://frcmostate.wordpress.com/>

Missouri 4-H Robotics Contest, May 19, 2018, MizzouRec Complex

4-H members in the robotics project may participate in the Missouri 4-H Robotics contest on Saturday, May 19 at the MizzouRec Complex on the MU Campus. The challenges and rules are posted on the Missouri 4-H Robotics page at <http://mo4h.missouri.edu/robotevents/robotexhibition>. There are four opportunities to compete: Motorized Challenge, Sumo Bots, Unknown Challenge, and Scratch Google Doodle Contest. In addition, 4-Hers may have a Robotics Educational Display and/or Demonstration. There will be three age divisions: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. Each youth and team in the contest areas will have an interview.

4-H members must be 8-18 4-H Age by January 1, 2018. There will be registration for individuals and teams of 2-5. 4HOnline registration will be open on April 10. There will be a fee of \$10 per youth and \$5 per youth for each contest entered (regardless of team or individual registration.) 4-Hers do not have to qualify at the local level to participate.

Aerospace Camp

Missouri 4-H collaborates with Missouri S&T to conduct Aerospace Camp on July 25-27 for youth ages 10-13. The camp is full of hands on fun learning about what it takes to be an astronaut or in the aeronautics profession. The cost is \$395 and includes lodging, meals, and program materials. There is not a registration deadline, but the camp fills quickly. Visit <http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summer-camps/aerospace-camp/> to get more information about Aerospace Camp. You will also find other youth camps at M S&T at this web page <http://futurestudents.mst.edu/summer-camps/aerospace-camp/>

MU College of Veterinary Medicine Open House

Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information <https://cvm.missouri.edu/alumni-and-friends/cvm-annual-open-house/>

Shooting Sports Calendar Fundraiser

We have 50 of the shooting sports gun raffle calendars to sell. This is a joint fundraising effort between the shooting sports project and 4-H Council this year. Money from calendars sold by shooting sports leaders or members will be credited to the shooting sports project. Money from calendars sold by 4-H clubs will be credited to the 4-H Council. Each person that purchases a calendar is automatically entered into a drawing each week to win a gun. A total of 104 guns will be raffled off from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. The cost of the calendar is \$50.00 and at least \$15 of that will come back to our local program. Last year, St. Charles County shooting sports received a total of \$520.80 and the 4-H Council received \$409.20. In order to make this a success, all 50 calendars that we have must be sold. Please try to sell a few.

- It's that time of the year again, the NRA Calendar Fundraiser!! Some of you might be asking yourselves, what is it? Well, this fundraiser is actually a GIANT raffle for 104 guns. Two guns per week will be given away in this fundraising raffle. One raffle ticket is good for all 104 drawings and comes in a beautiful calendar depicting Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports members and leaders. Sell the raffle ticket and give away the calendar.
- Each raffle/calendar sells for \$50.00. I know what you are thinking; it is expensive. BUT if you figure it out on a per chance win it's only 0.48 cents per chance! AND each calendar purchaser will have 104 chances!! Please remember that they are not buying a calendar, they are buying 104 raffles.

State Poultry Day

June 9, 2018

Check in begins at 7:15 a.m.

Event times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This will be a youth training/skills demonstration event in an educational format. This will be a great opportunity for leaders to pick up information and materials they can take back home to assist with their poultry training and programs and for members to hone their skills in a voluntary "just for fun" quiz bowl.

Open to all 4-Hers. Register for this event through 4HOnline.



Registration is \$20 for both the youth and adult registrations until May 15, and then youth and adult registrations will be \$25 until the June 1 deadline.

Activities for the day include:

- Two Educational Sessions
- Production Poultry Judging –Hands-On Workshop for Beginners and
- Fun Poultry Quiz Bowl
- Domestic Poultry Photo Contest
- Dozen Egg Contest — Enter a dozen eggs from your chickens.

T-Shirts are available only through advance ordering.

Complete information is available at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/poultry/statepoultryday>

Missouri 4-H Sportfishing event registration now open!

June 2, 2018

Little Dixie Lake

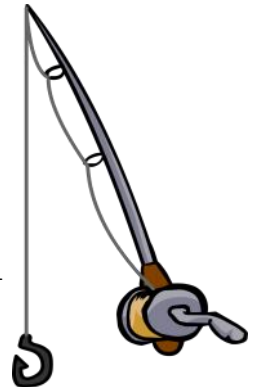
Registration has opened in 4HOnline and will close May 15. Only those youth enrolled in the Sportfishing project will be able to register.

Overview of the day's events:

- Event Check-in will take place between 7:30 and 8 a.m. at the Little Dixie Lake Conservation Area Shelter (between Columbia and Fulton). All registered participants will receive a gift card from Bass Pro Shops, a goodie bag and a t-shirt!
- Events and activities begin at 8 a.m.
- Fishing derby (8:30-11 a.m.) includes both a shore and a boat class
- Casting contest
- Skill-a-thon (skills and knowledge-based activities)

Topics included are from the 4-H Sportfishing curriculum and might include a variety of topics:

- Fish identification
- Knot tying
- Missouri fishing regulations
- Terminal rigging
- Tackle identification
- Matching tackle to fish
- Basic fish biology (Habitat preferences, Identify fish parts, etc.)
- Aquatic ecology
- Fishing safety



- Sportsman ethics
- Other activities for youth, leaders and families include fish demonstrations and hands-on activities. Events usually end by 3 p.m.

More information can be found at: <http://4h.missouri.edu/sportfishevent/main>

Kids and K-9 Camp

Join us for a pawsitively great time at the 2018 Missouri State 4-H Kids & K-9 Camp June 7-9 at Camp Clover Point. A statewide 4-H camp for dog training, demos and fun. Come and learn training skills, meet new friends, and have fun with your dog!



For more information go to <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/K9camp>. Cost is \$175 and registration opens April 1 in 4HOnline and closes May 1!



Junior Leader Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be offered by the Junior Leader Club for past and present Junior Leader Club members. In the event that these scholarships are not awarded in a given year, the money will be earmarked for additional scholarships the following year. The scholarships are available for either college/university or vocational/technical education on the undergraduate and graduate level. Students must not have passed their 23rd birthday as of January 1 of the current year; must have completed 5 years of 4-H club work; and be an active member of the County Junior Leader Club a mini-

mum of 3 years or have completed 3 years of leadership projects in their club. Call the Extension Center for a scholarship application or visit our website <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx> **Applications are due at the Extension Center by May 1.**

4-H Council Scholarships

The 4-H Council is providing two \$500 scholarships to 4-H members that will be attending either a college/university or vocational/technical school in the fall. There is also a one-time \$450 John Nickler Scholarship to be awarded this year. We will follow the same guidelines and application that is used for the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships, with the exception that a financial information page is not required for the 4-H Council scholarships or the John Nickler Scholarship. You can find the guidelines and application at <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/scholarships.aspx> Application is due at the Extension Center by May 1.

Shooting Sports Scholarship

The county shooting sports committee is providing two \$500 scholarships to 4-H shooting sports members that will be attending this fall or are currently enrolled in either a college/university or vocational/technical school. We will follow the same guidelines and application that is used for the Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarships, with the exception that a financial information page is not required for this shooting sports scholarship. You can find the guidelines and application at <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/scholarships.aspx> **Application is due at the Extension Center May 1.** Since we are using the same form for the Council Scholarships also, please indicate on your form that you are applying for the shooting sports scholarship. If you are applying for both a Council Scholarship and Shooting Sports Scholarship, please send an application for each.



Club Corner

Our February meeting for the **Point Prairie 4-H Club** was our Pot Luck Supper. We invite our leaders as a thank them for helping us. At our March meeting Craig Boschert from St. Charles County Ambulance District came to our meeting to teach us CPR. (Clare Dahm, Reporter)

Club Reporters - please send your club updates to Jan Brown at brownjh@missouri.edu to be included in the 4-H Youth News!






Clover Kids Corner

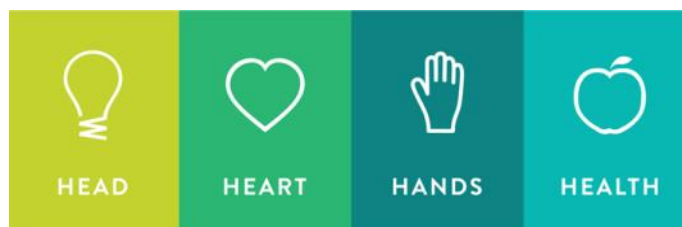
Each month we try to provide an activity, information or other materials for leaders to share with Clover Kids. Thank You Notes Teach a Lifelong Skill. Have you considered helping your Clover Kids write and send handwritten thank you notes? Teaching children to write thank you notes is a simple act that goes a long way in the development of good social skills. Here are some suggestions to help you get your Clover Kids going:

- Be positive. Briefly explain that the gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated.
- 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.
- Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart.
- Help children understand the effort they put into creating a thank you note is just as valuable as the gift itself.
- Be a good example and write letters! Children learn to be courteous and responsible by watching other adults.



Clovers & Congratulations

-  To Lily Boschert and Grant Beattie who were recently crowned the St. Charles County 4-H King and Queen at the Fun Festival.



Support our funding — brick by brick

Brick by brick we continue to extend the pathway that meanders through the on-site demonstration gardens. It has become a place for all to enjoy the peacefulness and awe-inspiring beauty of nature. A brick with your name or the name of someone to remember extends the path one brick at a time. Your generosity will support the funding of all programs at MU Extension in St. Charles County. Together we can make a difference. [Brick order form \(PDF\)](#) | [Online ordering](#)

