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St. Charles County Edition

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Dates to Remember

February

- 6 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Swine meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 Beef Project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21 Shotgun project orientation - 6 p.m. - Daniel Boone Gun Club
- 23 Recognition Night, 7 p.m.
- 24 Mandatory Market Beef Weigh-In
- 26 King and Queen demonstrations

March

- 1 Camp registration due
- 5 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 5 .22 Rifle orientation, 7 p.m.
- 6 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 10 Fair Board dinner auction
- 12 Project leader training, 6:30 p.m. - Extension office
- 15 Archery orientation, 7 p.m.
- 15 Club fundraising money due in the Extension office, 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Fun Festival
- 24-25 State 4-H Teen Conference
- 28 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

April

- 9 Cardinal Day ticket orders due
- 12 BB/Pellet orientation - 6 p.m. - practice site
- 24 Dairy Queen fundraiser, 5-9 p.m. Wentzville - Junior Leaders

4-H Day with the Cardinals

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 19, 2018 for the 17th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Philadelphia Phillies in a 1:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$25.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.



4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus the Cardinals give-away item for the game is a replica 1968 National League Championship ring. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive this one-of-a-kind item.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at the University of Missouri Extension office, or on the web at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/4h-day-with/4h-day-with-cardinals#gsc.tab=0> Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 9, 2018. Tickets usually sell out before the order deadline so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Families can also participate in the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle to win prizes such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. Funds raised through the raffle support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. 4-H Day with the Cardinals has raised \$77,000 to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs in the first 16 years. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form.

Rabbit Registration March 6th



If you are a rabbit project member and you plan to show a market rabbit or meat pen at the county fair this summer, you must register your rabbits on March 6th at the county rabbit project meeting. Each exhibitor must provide proof of ownership of one breeding age 6-class commercial buck and one breeding age 6-class commercial doe of the same breed and variety at the county rabbit registration. If you have questions about this requirement, contact fair rabbit superintendents Darrin Nadler at 636-448-9169 or Eric Webb at 636-327-6990.

Market Beef Weigh In

This is a final reminder that a mandatory market beef weigh in and ear tagging will be held February 24, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds located in Rotary Park, Wentzville. If you are planning to show a market beef animal at the St. Charles County Fair in July, you (or someone you designate) must bring your animal to the weigh in and have your animal tagged on this day. If you show up with your animal at the fair without the proper ear tag, you will not be allowed to show. All beef project leaders are asked to contact Denny Meyer, 636-262-1460 for further information and to volunteer to help at the weigh in.

Show Me Quality Assurance

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. Watch future newsletters for dates for face to face workshops. The online tutorial is available at www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa. Print off the certificate after you successfully complete the tutorial, and send it to the Extension Office for me to verify. It is strongly recommended that first time participants attend a face to face workshop.

Livestock Grading & Judging

2018 Missouri Youth Judging and Grading Contest and Clinic

Location: Trowbridge Livestock Center
University of Missouri
Date: March 3, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the University of Missouri Division of Animal Sciences

We are pleased to announce this year's Missouri Livestock Judging and Grading Contest and Clinic, our 30th year at the University of Missouri. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 and will continue the long-held traditions of Missouri Livestock judging and offer students the ability to develop their judging skills. Co-sponsored and coordinated by the University of Missouri, the Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the Ag Education Advisory Team, this is a great opportunity to support and develop Missouri's youth involved in animal agriculture.

The clinic is designed for participants in 8th grade or young-

er and will focus on hands-on learning, working in small groups to learn more about the basics of livestock evaluation, and understanding the importance of USDA grading of cattle. The contest will provide students the ability to develop and test their skills in a contest-like setting.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=7513> or contact Britton Francis at bwfx4@mail.missouri.edu or Dr. Bryon Wiegand at wiegandb@mail.missouri.edu.

Shooting Sports Meetings

All orientation meetings should be attended by the youth and at least one parent or guardian.



Shotgun

- February 21, Daniel Boone Gun Club, 6 p.m.

.22 Rifle

- March 5, Extension Center, 7 p.m.

Archery

- March 15, Extension Center, 7 p.m.

BB/Pellet

- April 12th, Practice Site, 6 p.m.

2018 Fun Festival

We hope all of the clubs are busy preparing for the 2018 Fun Festival, which is scheduled for March 24, at the Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters. This annual event is always a lot of fun with game booths, food, and the coronation of our 4-H King and Queen. The Fun Festival is co-sponsored by the St. Charles County 4-H Council and Junior Leader Club. Club Leaders were sent a letter with detailed information about the Fun Festival. Contact your club leader or the Extension office if you have questions.

The money that clubs raise and submit to the 4-H Council will be used for the various items that the 4-H Council budgets for each year. This includes scholarships for 4-H members for various trips and educational events; training for leaders at local, state and national leader training workshops; awards that are presented to the 4-H members for



their project work; to help 4-H members attend state and national contests; to pay for camp counselor training fees; the Junior Leader Club, and many more events and programs that the 4-H Council plans. The County Junior Leader Club uses their money to sponsor college scholarships for current or former members, and for their annual exchange trip.

Schedule of Events For The Fun Festival - **NOTE TIME CHANGES!**

- 8:30 a.m. Set up committee meets at Extension Center
- 9:00 a.m. Clubs start setting up booths/
- 10:00 a.m. Food stand opens
- 11:00 a.m. Booths Opens
- 2:00 p.m. Booths Close (Must not be taken down before 2:00)
- 2:30 p.m. Coronation Committee sets up and decorates for evening event
- 3:30 p.m. King and Queen candidates assemble in small meeting room
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation of King and Queen Candidates & coronation

A reception with refreshments will be held for the newly crowned King & Queen immediately following the coronation

Scholarships

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 minimum 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. 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. You can find the guidelines and application at <http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships> 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/recognition/scholarships> 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.

Ruth and Jim Mellor 4-H Scholarship/State 4-H Scholarships

We are pleased to announce a special \$500 scholarship opportunity through the Missouri 4-H Foundation. The fund has been created in honor of Ruth & Jim Mellor, who have been passionate 4-H volunteers since 1987. Ruth Mellor was a graduate of 4-H in Ray County, Missouri, and she has served as the club leader for the Harvester 4-H Club since 1989. Both Ruth & Jim Mellor have served as project leaders for a variety of projects, including Foods, Clothing, Visual Arts, and Woodworking.

Applicants must be a present or former 4-H member from St. Charles County planning to enroll or be enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited 4-year college or university, community college, technical or trade school or in a graduate program. The scholarship recipient is not limited to Missouri schools.

Preference in awarding the scholarship will be given to current or former 4-H members from the Harvester 4-H Club. In the event there are no qualified applicants from the Harvester 4-H Club, the scholarship may be awarded county-wide. If no county applications are received, the scholarship will be awarded statewide.

Like the other Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarships, the scholarship application is based on the Missouri Recognition Form. Once you complete the MRF form, you've completed most of the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

A number of other 4-H scholarships are available through

the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Present and former Missouri 4-H members, planning to enroll in college in the fall, may apply for these scholarships. One Missouri 4-H Scholarship Application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to the conditions specified by the donors. If you are interested in applying, call the Extension Center for the application form and complete details or visit the website <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/scholarships.aspx> **Applications require a signature at the county level. Applications are due in the Extension Center by February 23, 2018 to allow for processing.**

Monarchs and Pollinators: Saving the Monarch

This project will provide matching mini-grants to 4-H Clubs across the state to plant and maintain monarch habitat gardens on highly visible public properties such as county courthouses, city parks, fairgrounds and highway ROWs. Such demonstrations would be used to publicly promote plantings to help restore monarch habitat and engage city mayors, town councils or county commissions and local media.

Interested 4-H Clubs and 4-H project leaders would be issued \$50 vouchers by the state 4-H office that could be redeemed at GrowNative!

plant retailers covering up to ½ of the cost of landscape plantings. Some GrowNative! retailers will offer additional discounts to 4-H Clubs. The GrowNative! retailers would submit reimbursement invoices to MCHF.

Plantings must meet [specifications](#) provided by the Department. Additional information and links to the application can be found here: <http://4h.missouri.edu/monarchs/main#gsc.tab=0>

The Department will provide signs for the plantings that include the MCHF, Department and 4-H logos. Statewide and local media promotions of the plantings by GrowNative! and Missouri 4-H will promote MCHF and Department involvement.

The following GrowNative! retailers will take the vouchers and some will offer additional discounts to 4-H clubs:

- Rolling Ridge Nursery: we will accept these vouchers and offer a 10% discount to any prospective 4H groups.
- Hamilton Native Outpost: We would be happy to be included in the list of seed suppliers and accept the vouchers. We will give quantity discounts to the 4H groups.

- Claire's Garden
- Pappillon Perennials: I would be happy to give 4H members a 10% discount.
- Sugar Creek Gardens: We will also offer additional discounts to 4H groups. 30% off.
- Gaylena's Garden: I would be interested in the 4 h effort and will offer plants and seed packets.
- St. Francois Natives
- Smiling Sun Gardens: We'll offer plants at a 15 percent discount for Greene, Christian and Taney county clubs.
- Missouri Wildflowers Nursery: We will give a 15% discount off our regular retail prices at the nursery.
- Sunrise Gardens
- Longfellow's Garden: We will offer a 20% discount on plant materials to these group projects.

Some may be willing to ship plants and seed as well, if travel distance is deemed too great. Information for additional retailers, who did not respond to our initial inquiry can be found at www.grownative.org, hit Resource Guide tab at top of page, and then plants, plugs or seed lists

The following website has a map showing locations of retailers: <http://grownative.org/resource-guide/grow-native-map-of-retailers/>

New Missouri 4-H Community Service Learning Materials

The new Missouri 4-H Service-Learning Website offers many resources for clubs, junior councils, and other 4-H groups to lead and involve others in community service-learning this next year!

A new series of Adult Leader Guide-sheets on service-learning include: What Is It?, Five Steps, Core Elements, Teambuilding, Action Planning, Goal Setting, Building Partnerships, Local Governing Officials, Reflection, and Continuing Support. Leaders will also find success stories and resources for service project funding, recognition, and evaluation on the site.

Some older project resources for 4-H groups (with a new look) include: Service-Learning Ideas from A to Z, Camo Coolers, Carry On Suitcases, Feeding Communities (Hunger & Food Security), Letter Writing Kits, Make-a-Wish Scrapbooks, and Weighted Blankets.

Looking for something you cannot find? Please let us know! The webpage will continue to be updated with new materials and resources sought by 4-H clubs!

Money Smart Kid Essay Contest

We have an excellent opportunity for students in grades 6-8 to apply their writing, critical thinking, and money-



management skills through the Money Smart Kid Contest organized by Money Smart St. Louis as part of its region-wide Money Smart Month initiative in April 2018. Students in grades 6-8 are encouraged to submit a response of 300 words or less to the 2018 contest question. Three finalists will be awarded scholarships of \$2,000, \$1,000 and \$500, respectively, at a Money Smart Month ceremony on April 30, 2018. Information on how students can participate is in the essay contest application (enclosed in email).

Please forward this information to parents of or students that are 6-8 graders. Contact Suzanne Gellman, a member of the Money Smart Kid Contest Committee. She would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this contest. Her email is gellmans@missouri.edu

The contest is offered in conjunction with Money Smart Month, a public awareness campaign designed to help people better manage their personal finances. This is achieved through the collaboration of hundreds of organizations across the St. Louis Region, including businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media. These groups come together each year to elevate the importance of financial literacy in the public, inform consumers of where they can find help, and provide free educational seminars and activities throughout our region during April 2018.

Thank you in advance for your time and support of the Money Smart Kid Contest!

Camp Counselors Needed

Camp counselor applications are now being accepted. All teens, 14 & older as of December 31, 2017, are invited to apply to be counselors. The application process is competitive and just applying does not guarantee that you will be selected as a camp counselor. If you like working with 8 to 13 year olds, this leadership opportunity is for you. If you are chosen to be a camp counselor, you will be required to attend counselor training June 11-12. St. Charles County will camp June 12-14. Contact the Extension office for an application if you are interested or you can go to our website and print one. Applications are due March 1. <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx>



St. Charles County Fair Dinner Auction

The St. Charles County Fair Benefit Dinner Auction will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the K of C Hall in St. Paul. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., there will be a silent auction beginning at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m., and an oral auc-

tion immediately following dinner. The Fair Board is requesting donations from 4-H clubs, members and families. Baskets donated in the past have done very well. Home baked goods are a great seller too. All items made and donated by 4-H members, 4-H clubs, and/or 4-H families are placed on a special 4-H silent auction table. Donations can be dropped off at the Extension office or you can contact any Fair Board member to pick up your donation. The Fair Board works hard to continually improve the fairgrounds for the benefit of 4-H. If you have questions, want to purchase tickets, or would like to make a donation please contact Cathi Bornhop at 636-887-2221.

Project Leader Training

Please make plans to attend a project leader training at the Extension Center on March 12th at 6:30 p.m. You will have an opportunity to learn how to help youth get more out of their projects and you will have an opportunity to learn from other project leaders about what has worked for them.

COMO Swine Clinic

COMO Swine is a clinic open to all 4-H and FFA members who are interested in learning more about Swine. Guest speakers will cover topics in evaluation, showmanship, soundness, nutrition, management, health, and more topics to be determined. The clinic will take place on March 10, 2018 at the Trowbridge Livestock Arena in Columbia. There is a small registration fee of \$25 and we ask that members pre-register by March 2, 2018 to animal-nutr@gmail.com or via text at (573) 228-8571. If you have questions please contact Janet Snow at animal-nutr@gmail.com or Tevin Uthlaut at uth-lautt@missouri.edu.

Show Your Love for 4-H in February with JOANN Stores

During the month of February, millions of JOANN customers, 4-H members and supporters will have a chance to share their hearts and show their love of equipping local Clubs with resources to reach more kids in need.

Here's how:

Support the 4-H Paper Clover Campaign by visiting your local store between February 1 - 28, 2018. Donate \$1 or \$4 at purchase, and you'll receive a clover featuring a special Valentine's Day craft from FamilyFun. With each \$4 donation, you'll get \$4 off your next purchase.

Host Families Needed

Would you be willing to host a Japanese student (ages 12-14) from July 22nd or 23rd (depending upon airline sched-

ule) to August 17th? We have 12 youth coming to Missouri that need host families. We prefer that they have an 'everyday' type of experience rather than being entertained or travel. We need to match to Missouri families with same gender and within two years of Japanese delegate.

Check out <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> for starting the application process or contact Joyce Taylor for more details. TaylorJL@missouri.edu

Missouri 4-H Foundation Community Service Grants

Through generous grants from *Crader Distributing and local STIHL dealers.com* as well as *DuPont Pioneer*, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants up to \$1000 to match funding for a 4-H community service project. Projects are youth-driven and provide a great opportunity for youth to serve, work and develop life skills. For more information and to apply visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/community-service.aspx>

4-H Sportfishing State Event



Registration will open in [4HOnline](#) on April 1 and will close May 15. Only those youth enrolled in the sport-fishing project will be able to register.

For more complete information, check out:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/sportfishingevent/main>

Scheduled events will include:

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
- Aquatic ecology
- Fishing safety
- Sportsman ethics
- Fish species conversion chart

State 4-H Congress

Our registration materials are posted on the website <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/statecongress/main#gsc.tab=0> – take a minute and look over the possibilities to participate and be ready to register early to get your choice of session(s).

Mark your calendars now and get registered for the 2018 State 4-H Congress. Registration opens for chaperons on February 1 and for delegates on March 1. The State Council have worked hard to plan our event this year to be different and new!!!

Sessions geared toward Career/College Readiness will be offered for several different Career Pathways. You will have a choice of selecting two different sessions in the morning on Thursday. The afternoon Leadership Sessions are all new subjects.

We have been invited to have our Wednesday evening meal in the Columns Club on the east side of Mizzou Stadium and then a tour of that area after dinner.

Scholarship applications are available from your county 4-H Specialist and are due to the State Office on February 20. They must be signed by your local 4-H staff member and returned to the State Office on or before the deadline in order to be eligible.

We will continue fund raising for 4-Hers Helping 4-Hers through the Dodge Ball Tournament.

Our Regional Representative Elections will be held on Wednesday during the 4:00 p.m. regional meeting. State Officer elections will be held on Thursday following the evening assembly.





Club Corner

The Jr. Leader Club met January 23rd at the Extension Center. We thanked everyone for helping set up a holiday shop at Our Ladies Inn. We also met in December to go bowling. We will be hosting our Exchange group from the state of Washington on July 2-8th. We need to start deciding on our plans. We discussed our Fair Dinner auction donation. We need to come up with a good way to display the John Deere tire swing. We talked about the Mo. Youth Civic Leaders Summit, if anyone is interested we will try to find a group to go. It is time to send in the application to be a 4-H Camp counselor. We will again host the Ag Day at the St. Charles County Fair, more information will coming. We broke up into committees to plan the 4-H Fun Festival held on March 24th.

The Jr. Leaders were asked to help at the Parents as Teachers Early Childhood "People in your Neighborhood" night on February 22 from 6:15 - 7:30pm.

PALS are wanting us to focus on a theme of gardening and have 4-H members plant with preschoolers ages 3-5. They will provide the planting supplies. Our next meeting will be February 27th at the Extension Center. (Dalton Schmidt, Reporter)

Hey Clubs! Don't forget to send your news to Jan Brown at brownjh@missouri.edu to be included in the newsletter!

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](#)



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 **young people**
across America who are learning
leadership, citizenship and
life skills.