Welcome to a New Year
The 2018-2019 4-H year is upon us. We have many things in store for you and we are excited to begin!

Online Enrollment
Now is the time to re-enroll if you are an existing 4-H member and to enroll if you are new! The website to begin the process is http://mo.4honline.com Please remember, Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox are the recommended browsers to use with this program. Do not use Internet Explorer. Also please use a computer to enroll, not an Ipad or smart phone. If you need help with enrolling or do not have a computer, please contact Jan and she will make arrangements. If you do not remember your password or login, please do not create a new profile, we can help you get into your profile. The 4-H dues for this year have remained the same ($20). This amount is collected by the state office. The preferred method of payment is by credit card. If you are a returning member, please review the credit card information that is held in your 4HOnline profile and update account numbers/expiration dates as needed. You will need to do this for each child that you enroll. Do not enroll an adult as a member unless they are a 4-H volunteer. There are special instructions for volunteers so please let us know if you plan to become a new volunteer and we will send you the instructions. Remember – If you do not pay by credit card, your membership will not become active until your check for dues is received in my office, payable to University Extension Council.

Congratulations to Our New Council Officers and Fair Board Representatives
At the August 29 4-H Council Meeting, Tracy O’Donnell and Jodi Boschert were elected as Treasurer and Vice-President, respectively. They will be installed at the October 17th council meeting. In addition, Art Boschert and Don Moulton were selected to represent the 4-H Council on the Fair Board. Thank you all for stepping up and helping represent the best interests of our youth!

4-H Council Meetings
The St. Charles County 4-H Council meets five times each year to plan county events, establish county 4-H policies, and oversee the 4-H budget. The Council is comprised of representatives from every club. Clubs are limited in the number of votes they have, however, anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The 2018-2019 meetings are scheduled for October 17, January 30, March 27, May 29, and August 28. All meetings will be held at the Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
**Poultry Project County Wide Meetings**

The Poultry Project is being revamped. Each 4-H year we will have 4 meetings. Each meeting will cover a specific topic and have a guest speaker. Any other questions you may have can and will be addressed but not until after the main topic has concluded. I encourage all to attend. However, these are not mandatory. I am trying to help educate those new to the project as well as keep existing members informed to learn and grow. If you cannot make all the meetings please attend the ones that interest you or pertain to the project you are working on. Although the 4-H year culminates at the end with the County Fair and our meetings are geared towards showing at the fair, you do not have to show at the fair to participate in the project.

October 22, 2018  
**topic – Production Hens**  
**Speaker** - Charlotte Clifford-Rathert, DVM  
**Veterinary Medical office**  
**Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service**

January 8, 2019  
**topic – Show Hens and Roosters**

April 9, 2019  
**topic – Market Chickens**

June 6, 2019  
**topic – The Fair (the “chicken wash” will be included)**

These meetings will be held at the Extension Center beginning at 7 p.m.

**Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings**

Steve Nadler will once again be having countywide rabbit projects the first Tuesday of each month, with the exception of September and January, at the Extension Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to let new rabbit project members know about these meetings. The first meeting for the new program year is October 2.

**Global Education**

Just as 4-H goes beyond our doorstep and your county line, it also goes beyond our nation’s borders. Check out Global Education opportunities by visiting the website [http://4h.missouri.edu/global-experiences/main](http://4h.missouri.edu/global-experiences/main)

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**County Report Forms/State Excellence Awards Program and I Dare You Award**

Good news! When you complete your project record and Missouri Recognition Form, you are automatically eligible for the state awards program. This will allow St. Charles County Forms to be evaluated at the regional level. This is a final reminder that county report forms, for all 4-H members, are due November 1st. These report forms are used to evaluate the work of the 4-H member and are the basis for various local, regional, and state awards that the 4-Hers can receive. The report form is available on our website [www.extension.missouri.edu/stcharles](http://www.extension.missouri.edu/stcharles) If you do not have access to the Internet, please call and we will be happy to mail the report form to you. I Dare You Award applications are also due November 1st. If you have any questions about the report form process, please let us know and we would be glad to help you.

Level 1 and 2 forms will be judged and recipients selected at the regional level.

**Each region can submit**

- Up to five recipients applying with the level 1 (ages 8-10) form to receive a medal and certificate.
- Up to three recipients applying with the level 2 (ages 11-13) form to receive a certificate and scholarship to Teen Conference (State Congress if aged out).
- Regions can submit eight (8) or 30% of the total number of applications reviewed at the regional level for the level 3 (ages 14+) forms. These applications will be judged again at the state level where candidates will be selected for an interview, and delegates will be determined to represent Missouri at National 4-H Congress.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards**

County 4-H clubs have an opportunity to participate in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards again this year. This program recognizes individuals in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities. Our county can select one honoree from grades 5-8 and one high school honoree from grades 9-12. Applications are available online at [http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page](http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page) and are due in the Extension office by November 1. Applications are reviewed locally and then selected applications are sent on for state and national judging.
America’s Farmers Grow Communities
For the sixth consecutive year, America’s Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, will offer local farmers the chance to win a $2,500 donation to support their favorite non-profit organizations. The St. Charles County 4-H program has been the recipient of $10,000 as a result of this great program! Please encourage any local farmers that you know to apply for a chance to win this money and support 4-H. Interested farmers can access the website https://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-communities/.

4-H Literature and Project Briefs
As you sign up for the projects you want to take this year, don’t forget that most of our projects have very good literature that you can order from Extension Publications to help you with your project. Information about ordering literature is in the 4-H Clover publication that each family should have received from your club leader. If you didn’t get a Clover, please let me know. It is also available online at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources/clover/ Also, be sure to check out the project briefs on the 4-H web site at http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/briefs These “briefs” are not meant to take the place of the 4-H literature for each project. They are a great supplement to the literature and may be especially helpful to project leaders as well as 4-H members.

Upcoming Opportunity for Youth Voice
The Extension Council has adopted bylaws this year and there is a provision to have two youth serve on the Extension Council as youth members. The draft is for two, two year terms. More information to follow. Applications would open January 1. Terms would start in early March.

Officer Training
The 4-H Council and Junior Leaders are teaming up to provide officer training on November 13. Pizza will be served at 6 pm with the training beginning at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP by November 9th so we know how much pizza to order.

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)
4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice (Ages 10-13)
Busch Gardens, Tampa, Florida
December 29, 2018 to January 2, 2019

The world’s largest zoological organization partners with Missouri 4-H to offer Missouri Youth an opportunity to discover, learn, laugh and experience one-of-a-kind adventures with animals from around the world.

Learn-by-doing has long been a 4-H motto. Now Missouri 4-Her’s will experience this in Busch Gardens’ 335-acre African-themed living classroom by attending the 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 14+ or by attending 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 10-13.

Youth in attendance will become amateur zookeepers and discover firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. Assist zoo staff behind the scenes and observe animal care sessions.

Youth in attendance will be living inside Busch Gardens. They will investigate the mysteries of the animal kingdom, getting up-close to animals they have never seen before. And in between life changing moments, participants will enjoy World Class Entertainment in our nation’s 4th most popular amusement park.

In addition, all participants will make lifetime memories spend time working with the animal care specialists at Sea World, touring Sea World Rescue, and sleeping overnight beside our new aquatic friends.

You will return with a keen understanding of animal behavior, science, & nutrition. You will be a better communicator with your own animals and 4-footed family members.

Cost is $592. Travel to and from Tampa, FL not included. Ready to register? http://www.event.com/d/wbq01w/4W

Swine Project - Important Dates
Mark your calendar for these important dates for participants in the Swine project. Watch your newsletter for more information.

Thursday, February 7, 2019 - Swine meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Center.

Saturday, April 27, 2019 - Weigh-in, 8:30 - 11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds

Tuesday, July 23, 2019 - Fair Weigh-in, 8:30 - 11 a.m. at the Fairgrounds
Club Corner

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

Clovers & Congratulations

⭐️ To Lauren Haley for being selected as a Missouri State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador.
⭐️ To Amanda Bello for being awarded the shooting sports scholarship.
⭐️ To Kaycie Hollrah for placing first in State Public Speaking, junior extemporaneous section 1.
⭐️ To Kate Bello for placing third in the senior Clothes You Make division at the state fashion review.
⭐️ To Alizabeth Huffstutter for placing fourth in the junior Clothes You Buy division at the state fashion review.
⭐️ To Sophia Bello for placing fifth in the intermediate Clothes You Make division at the state fashion review.
⭐️ To all participants in the state shooting sports, public speaking and fashion review competitions.
⭐️ To Kristina Nadler and Grant Herin for receiving Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships.
⭐️ To Ruth Mellor for receiving the Naomi Crouch Leadership Award.

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