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Dates to Remember

September

- 3 Labor Day Holiday - office closed
- 10 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 25 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.

October

- 2 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 8 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17 **4-H Council meeting 7 p.m.**
(Note - Date Change)
- 22 County Poultry project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.

November

- 1 County report forms & I Dare You forms due
- 1 Club completion records due
- 1 Club year-end financial statements due
- 1 Club information forms and king & queen forms due
- 1 Club secretary books due
- 6 County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 12 Fair Board meeting, 7p.m.
- 13 Club officer training, 6p.m.
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday – office closed
- 27 Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.

Thank You

As we begin a new 4-H year, I want to thank all of the club leaders, assistant club leaders, project leaders, fair board members, fair superintendents, parents, and all other volunteers who helped to make the 2017-2018 4-H year very successful. We could not provide all of the many learning and fun opportunities for our young people without your dedication and help. You are all truly appreciated!



Enrollment for the New 4-H Year

Clubs will soon be starting enrollment for the 2018-2019 4-H year. Enrollment will begin October 1 using 4HOnline as we have done this year. All members and volunteers must enroll in 4HOnline. For those members and volunteers that are re-enrolling, the process should be much easier this year since all of your personal information is already in the system. The enrollment fee for regular 4-H members and Clover Kid members will be \$20 and we strongly encourage everyone to pay with a credit card. It makes it much better for everyone. Your enrollment will be approved faster and it will be less work for club leaders and the office. If you have questions about enrollment, don't hesitate to call the Extension office and we will be happy to help you.

Volunteer Orientation & Screening

As we begin another 4-H year, I want to remind everyone that all 4-H volunteers must complete the volunteer orientation. The orientation is a one-time requirement, so if you have already completed orientation, you do not have to do it again. New leaders can satisfy this requirement from within 4HOnline. Contact the office for instructions.

Also, all 4-H volunteers must be screened annually for child abuse and criminal charges. There is a completely new form this year. Only the highlighted portions need to be filled out. The form can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/volunteer.aspx#gsc.tab=0>



Attention Teens – You are Invited to Join Junior Leaders

All 4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 (as of January 1) are invited to join the St. Charles County Junior Leader Club. Junior Leaders meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. Registration for the 2018-2019 year will be held at the September 25th meeting. There will also be pizza that night. Plan to come, enjoy some pizza, and find out what the Junior Leader Club is all about. Contact the Extension Center if you have questions about the Junior Leader Club.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 7-13. “Inspire kids to do” is the theme. This is a great time to let people know about 4-H in our county. It will up to the clubs to do whatever other activities they decide on for this week. 4-H brochures and pencils available if clubs want them to promote 4-H.

4-H Council Meeting

The October 4-H Council meeting has been moved to October 17th, 7 p.m. Each club should make sure that all of their new representatives are aware of this meeting. The Extension center does not have the new club information to send a reminder to all of the representatives.

Club Officer Training

A 4-H club officer training will be held Tuesday, November 13 at the Extension Center. The 4-H Council will provide pizza at 6:00 p.m. and the training will begin at 6:30 p.m. The training will be for all officers. The 4-H Council will provide prizes for the club that has the most officers in attendance; \$20 for the 1st place club and \$10 for the 2nd place club. You must RSVP the office by November 9th if you plan to attend, so that we know how much pizza to order. If you are not an officer, but are thinking of running for an office in the future, you may want to attend to learn what your duties will be.

Secretary Books Due November 1

All 4-H club secretaries are required to turn in their secretary books for recordkeeping purposes. These books are also eligible for the Secretary Book Contest. The deadline is November 1. First, second, and third place cash awards are sponsored by the St. Charles County 4-H Council and will be presented at Recognition Night.

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.

Poultry Project Changes

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.

State Shooting Sports Contest Sept. 15-16

State Shoot event schedules will not be mailed to families.



Members, parents and leaders will need to check the 4-H Shooting Sports web site routinely, as the schedule of event and other pertinent information will be posted on the web site when available: <http://4h.missouri.edu/shooting-sports-events/state-shoot>

Interesting in additional shooting sports opportunities?

If you are currently a member of our 4-H shooting sports projects and would like to explore an opportunity with the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation events, please con-

tact Bob Pratte at robertpratte@centurylink.net or 636-544-2491.

Club Year End Information Needed

This is a reminder that it is now time for club leaders to turn in the needed paperwork to complete the 2017-2018 club year. Club leaders received a detailed letter regarding the information we need. Application for club seals, club information form, king & queen information form, 4-H financial report and audit report, and secretary books, are all due November 1. Please call the Extension office if you have questions.

Project Record Forms

In the July/August Youth News, I reminded members that part of their completion requirements includes completing at least one project. Some club leaders prefer that members complete and submit a project record form to them. Check with your club leader about this. A project record form is part of the county report form. The project record form becomes the cover page for your Report Form. The project record forms are available on our county website <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx> or you can print one from the Missouri 4-H website <http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/Y620-project-record.pdf> If you have questions about this, please call the office and I will be happy to help you.

National Leadership Award (formerly I Dare You Award)

The National Leadership Award, formerly called the I Dare You Award, sponsored by the American Youth Foundation, is available each year for two outstanding 4-H members who are in their junior or senior year of high school. Applications are available from the Extension Center and must be completed and submitted for judging by November 1. You can also visit our website and print a copy of the application. <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx> Applications are judged on 4-H participation and leadership in 4-H, school, church, and community organizations.

County Report Forms

Remember that we are now using the Missouri Recognition Form as our county report forms. This will allow youth from St. Charles County to be eligible to compete at the regional and state level for additional prizes. The Project Record Form will become the cover page for each project area you are submitting. Then, for the rest of the report,

there are three levels based on age. Level one is for 8-10 year olds. Level 2 is for 11-13 year olds, and Level 3 is for 14-18 year olds. These 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 awards that the 4-Hers can receive. Visit our website for the official forms, scroll down to where it says County Report Forms. <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx> If you have questions, please call the Extension Center for assistance.

Mizzou Collegiate 4-H

If you are attending the University of Missouri and want to stay involved with 4-H, I strongly encourage you to join Mizzou Collegiate 4-H. This is a great opportunity to meet new people that have similar interests as you. This would be especially helpful for new freshmen. Mizzou 4-H provides college students the opportunity to continue or begin their involvement in 4-H. The club is open to anyone on campus. Visit the website at <http://mizzou4h.wordpress.com/> or contact Mizzou 4-H at <https://www.facebook.com/mizzou4h>



Americas Farmers Grow Communities

Farmer enrollment for America's Farmers Grow Communities is now open! Sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, this program offers farmers the chance to direct \$2,500 donations to rural nonprofit organizations of their choice. St. Charles County 4-H has received \$10,000 from this program since it began in 2010. This was possible because of the relationship 4-H has with local farmers in our county. Please encourage farmers you know to enroll in the program again this year. To enroll, farmers can visit www.GrowCommunities.com or call 877-267-3332. Enrollment runs until November 1 and winners will be announced in January 2019.

Looking for a Robotics Leader

We are looking for a Robotics Leader to lead the county robotics program. Adult volunteers would need to be a screened/active 4-H volunteer. A youth leader with an adult leader in attendance is also acceptable. The leader may use the Extension Center for project meetings. This project uses the LEGO Mindstorm EV3 Robotics platform. Anyone interested, please contact Dana Joerling.



Congratulations to Ruth Mellor!

Ruth Mellor was named a 2018 Naomi Crouch 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award recipient. Ruth has dedicated over 30 years of service to the St. Charles County 4-H program. During her tenure she has served as a club leader for the Harvester 4-H Club and as a project leader for various projects. She has also held many officer positions in the 4-H Council. The Naomi Crouch 4-H Volunteer Leadership Award is given annually to volunteers that devote their time and talents to MU Extension's 4-H youth development program. She will be honored at the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarship and Awards Banquet on September 28 in Columbia. Congratulations Ruth!



Club Corner

The Jr. Leader club met on August 28th at the Extension Center. We discussed the past exchange trip and got names of those interested in the next years trip. Planning will start soon. Our next meeting will be a welcome for new members, so we got volunteers for the activity and someone to explain about the Jr. Leader club. We also need to start thinking about a service project for the Christmas season, so everyone should bring their ideas to the next meeting. Nomination's were taken for next years officers and voting will take place at the next meeting. We then took a survey and filled out enrollment forms. Our next meeting will be held on September 25th at 7 p.m. at the Extension Center. It will be a pizza party and all 4-H members 12 and over (4-H age) are welcome. Come and learn about the Jr. Leader Club! (Dalton Schmidt, Reporter)



Clovers & Congratulations

- ☘ To members and volunteers that make the St. Charles County 4-H Dog Care Drill team a success! Members have been featured at Bass Pro Outdoor Days!
- ☘ To all 4-H members who exhibited and/or gave a demonstration at the Missouri State Fair.
- ☘ To the St. Charles County Fair Board for all of their endless hours of work to put on one of the best county fairs in the area
- ☘ To all 4-H members, leaders, and parents who worked at the County Fair
- ☘ To our fair superintendents who do a great job getting exhibits and livestock entered and judged
- ☘ To all members who exhibited at the 2018 St. Charles County Fair; you are all winners!
- ☘ To Scott Dengler for transporting State Fair exhibits to and from Sedalia.
- ☘ To Grant, Scott and Ginger Herin for leading the county robotics project for the past 5 years. Thank you!

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](#)

