## Dates to Remember

### September
- **4** Labor Day Holiday - office closed
- **11** Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- **26** Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m. - Extension Center

### October
- **1-7** National 4-H Week
- **3** County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- **9** Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- **15** Secretary’s books due
- **15** Club completion records due
- **15** Club year-end financial statements due
- **15** Club information forms and king/queen forms due
- **15** Secretary’s books due
- **18** 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- **24** Junior Leader meeting, 7 p.m.

### November
- **1** County report forms and I Dare You forms due
- **6** County rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- **13** Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- **21** Club officer training, 6 p.m.
- **23-24** Thanksgiving Holiday - office closed
- **28** 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 2016-2017 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 2017-2018 4-H year. Enrollment will begin October 1 using 4H online as we have done this year. All members and volunteers must enroll in 4H online. 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.

## 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 2017-2018 year will be held at the September 26th meeting. There will also be a pizza and ice cream social that night. Plan to come, enjoy some pizza/ice cream, and find out what the Junior Leader Club is all about. Contact the Extension Center if you have questions about the Junior Leader Club.
Club Officer Training
A 4-H club officer training will be held Tuesday, November 21 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 15th 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 October 15
All 4-H club secretaries are encouraged to turn in their secretary books for the Secretary Book Contest. The deadline is October 15. 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 3.

National 4-H Week
National 4-H Week is October 1-7. “#4hgrown” 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.

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 on line from within 4HOnline. http://4h.missouri.edu/elearn/volorientation/story.html

Also, all 4-H volunteers must be screened annually for child abuse and criminal charges. There is no change to the form this year. The form can be found at http://4h.missouri.edu/documents/lg639.pdf

State Shooting Sports Contest Sept. 23-24
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 contact 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 October 15th. 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](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](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 and dues are $5.00. Visit the website at [http://mizzou4h.wordpress.com/](http://mizzou4h.wordpress.com/) or contact Mizzou 4-H at [https://www.facebook.com/mizzou4h](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](http://www.GrowCommunities.com) or call 877-267-3332. Enrollment runs until November 1 and winners will be announced in January 2018.

**Clover Kids at the St. Charles County Fair**

We wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU to the youth and parents that attended the Clover Kid event at the 2017 St. Charles County Fair. We hope you had a jolly good time with Christmas in July! We enjoyed conference judging with the Clover Kids, it’s so fun to hear all about their experiences in the Clover Kid program over the year. We had so many adorable projects exhibited. Sadly, our project numbers were down this year, so please encourage your fellow Clover Kid friends to bring their projects to display at the 2018 St. Charles County Fair. We loved that many items displayed were educationally based, such as the Life Cycle of a Butterfly! We have already picked a theme for next year and have begun to order the fun crafts! If you ever have questions about the Clover Kid program or the events at the fair, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any of us! Looking forward to 2018 - get your capes and magic lasso’s ready!

The Clover Kid Committee, Gail Huber, Cindy Dahm and Lori Bauer

**Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame**

Congratulations to Mary Darting! She is St. Charles County’s newest member inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame with over 40 years of volunteer service. This exclusive membership is given to individuals who have created exceptional legacies of volunteer service and dedication to Missouri 4-H. We are honored to have Mary in St. Charles County 4-H! [http://extension.missouri.edu/n/3168](http://extension.missouri.edu/n/3168)
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 the River City Rascals, the Wentzville Pooch Plunge, and 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 2017 St. Charles County Fair; you are all winners!

To Scott Dengler for transporting State Fair exhibits to and from Sedalia.

To Bob's Discount Furniture for their $1000 random act of kindness donation to St. Charles County 4-H. Please see their new store in St. Peters if you need some furniture!