STODDARD COUNTY 4-H
AUGUST NEWSLETTER

4-H Clubs

- **Show- Me 4-H Club** - meets once a month
- **Stoddard County 4-H Riders Club** - meets 2nd Monday of each month at the Mingo Saddle Club Arena @ 6:30
- **Advance Clovers 4-H Club** – meets 2nd Friday of each month at the Senior Center @ 7:00pm.
- **Puxico Warriors** - meets once a month
- **Crowley Ridge 4-H** - meets once a month
- **Stoddard County Swine Club** - meets periodically
- **Star Banner 4-H** – will meet this month at the Hidden Trails Country Club in Dexter at 5:30 on Wed., August 6th.

Wesley Huey (Star Banner)
John Brotherton (4-H Riders)
Abram Green (Advance Clovers)
Celeste Huey (Star Banner)
Morgan Christian (Crowley Ridge)
George Reed (Crowley Ridge)
Sarah Durham (Star Banner)

4-H Happenings:

- **August 1** - State Shoot Deadline, Livestock Judging, Horse Public Speaking Contest
- **August 5** - SEMO Fair Livestock Entries
- **August 8** - CYL applications due to local Extension office
- **August 15** - Fashion Revue
- **August 7-17** - MO State Fair
- **August 23-24** - State Shoot
- **September 5** – Show Me Wares Applications due for Stoddard Co Fair
- **September 6** - State Livestock Judging Contest
- **September 6-13** - SEMO Fair
- **September 13** - Fashion Revue Columbia
- **September 20-21** - State Shooting Sports Contest
- **September 16 – 20** – Stoddard County Fair
- **September 23-27** - Delta Fair

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 18 at the Stoddard County Extension Office in Bloomfield. They will meet at 5:30pm. There are many upcoming events to discuss as well as other important business. Leaders and club representatives please plan to try and attend.
The 2014 Heartland Regional 4-H Summer Camp was held on June 23 – 25. The theme was Shoot for the Stars. 4-Hers from Butler, Bollinger, Iron, Ripley, Stoddard and Wayne counties gathered together to form new friendships as well as revisit old ones. Stoddard had 13 campers, 8 counselors, 4 volunteers and 1 staff member proudly representing our county. They enjoyed 3 days packed full of fun activities such as geocaching hosted by the Forestry Service, crafts, swimming, shooting sports and a visit from Arrow Head Fred just to name a few. Campers had great time learning to square dance on Monday evening thanks to Mrs. Sharon Crisel and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schalk. Stoddard County Extension members visited on Tuesday evening and prepared an amazing meal which was greatly appreciated. Thanks to

Bollinger County for their delicious dessert to top off our meal and to Butler County for donating their time to assist with craft projects. A very special thank you to Tyson Foods for their generous donation towards the meals for camp this year. Words can’t express how much we appreciate their continued support of our program. Thanks to Mr. Tom and Mr. Robert for donating the use of their pontoon boats to transport us to the beach to swim. We would also like to thank all our adult volunteers who took time off work and away from their family to come help us. Thanks to Dawn Miller for donating her time to be our camp nurse. Without the help from all of you as well as the businesses and organizations, 4-H wouldn’t be the success it is today in our area. You are all amazing and truly Friends of 4-H forever! If we’ve neglected to list anyone, we sincerely apologize but know your contribution was not overlooked nor will be forgotten.

I love 4-H

😊 Just a friendly reminder. If you are currently a 4-H member and interested in staying in the program or know someone interested in joining, our new year will begin in September. The forms will be changing this year so make sure to contact the Extension Office or check with your Leader in order to receive the correct ones. We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year!!

The SEMO District Fair is right around the corner. Here is some important information you should know: Livestock entries are due August 5th. Information is posted at:

http://extension.missouri.edu/capregirardeau/4H.aspx

*4-H Livestock Shows for beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be September 10. Remember if you are showing you must be SMQA certified. You can complete this online by visiting the website below:

http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqasignup/

*4-H Poultry, rabbits, guinea Pigs show is September 6.
*4-H Dairy and Dairy Bucket calves show is September 7.
*4-H Horses, mules, ponies, and draft horses show is September 12.
*The 4-H Exhibit Hall will be accepting entries September 5 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and September 6 from 8 am to 12 pm. Fair tags and exhibit slips are available in our office if needed. For more information please contact your local office.

Cooking Contest will be open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids. You do not have to be enrolled in a Foods project to participate. Watch for more information coming soon.

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Make plans to join us at the Stoddard County Fair on September 16 – 20. You can find more information, rules and dates at:

http://www.stoddardcountyfair.com

Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday the 14th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Speeches for the 4-H/FFA Public Speaking contest will be due at this time as well. Livestock will be accepted on Monday, 15th from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm (large animals) 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm (small animals). SMQA certification is required for 4-H members showing animals.

We are excited to announce a new contest for 4-H members this year. The 4-H Young Chefs’ Cooking Contest will be open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids. You do not have to be enrolled in a Foods project to participate. Watch for more information coming soon.

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CYL Applications

CYL’s or County Youth Liaisons are elected from each county and are asked to interact with clubs and council to identify needs of the county and clubs. This is something that will look great on resumes and when applying for scholarships. If you are interested in becoming a CYL for our county, the application is attached to this newsletter. For more information please contact your local extension office.

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Fredericktown, MO. There are many types to choose from such as: rifle, archery, trap, skeet, shotgun and more. Registration is due no later than September 15. Details and form can be found on the following website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

**Missouri 4-H Youth Feeding Communities**

4-H members across Missouri contributed over 10,500 hours of service to fighting hunger in their communities last year. 4-H clubs and individual youth organized food drives, planted community gardens, hosted dinners, made public presentations and promoted the Invest an Acre program as part of a yearlong 4-H campaign to find solutions to hunger through service. The 2014 Missouri State Fair will present another opportunity for 4-Hers to go above and beyond. A 14-foot Canstruction™ canned food sculpture of the 4-H Clover will be built and on display in the Ag Building, August 7-17. 4-H youth are challenged to join in the food drive by collecting canned food items. Youth can bring items to the fair, or donate them to a local food pantry and report the total number of items collected when they arrive at the MO state fair. 4-H youth accompanied by an adult chaperone can also sign up to work at the 4-H Clover Canstruction™ booth. For more information about the 4-H Clover Canstruction™ or how your 4-H group can be involved, please contact Steve Henness, 4-H Center for Youth Development. hennesss@missouri.edu 573-884-6618

**State Shooting Team Tryouts**

Try outs for the 2015 state shooting teams begin in August and other divisions in September or October. Each team will have a unique system to make the team, so read the details and submit pre-registration forms in a timely manner. Those selected to one of the nine state shooting teams will represent Missouri at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational in Grand Island, NE, June 21-25. Details and pre-registration form is available on the 4-H Shooting sports website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm

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I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.
Maya Angelou

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What you need
• 1-cup sand
• 1/2-cup cornstarch
• 3/4-cup liquid starch
• Sand castle molds
• Sculpting tools-popsicle sticks etc.

What you do
1. Combine sand and cornstarch in an old pot.
2. Add liquid starch and mix.
3. Cook the mixture over medium heat while constantly stirring (make sure an adult supervises).
   Eventually, the mixture will thicken and turn into dough.
4. Remove pot from the stove and let Sand Castle Clay cool.
5. Remove clay from the pot and knead it 20 - 30 seconds before putting it in the sand castle molds.