STODDARD COUNTY 4-H
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy Valentine's Day!!

February Dates

February 15
3rd Annual SE Regional Energizer

February 22
Winter Trip/St. Louis

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H council meeting is scheduled for Monday March 17 at 5:30pm at the Extension Office in Bloomfield. Please turn in all enrollment/volunteer forms and fees to your leaders so that they can bring them to this meeting.

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
- Crowley Ridge 4-H
- Stoddard County Swine Club
- Star Banner 4-H – meets the 1st Monday of each month at the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter @ 6:00pm

Deadlines

Local Events/Projects:

February 1: Meats, Judging Contest, Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Teen Conference, Agribusiness Academy
February 14: Regional Rep Applications for State 4-H Council due
February 15: Beekeeping Essay Contest Application
March 15: Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Forms
March 15: Steer weigh ins scheduled at Fruitland Livestock Auction from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for SEMO Fair. All youth need to bring $2.00 cash for tag fees per steer.

Volunteer Orientation

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Orscheln Farm & Home for their generous donation to the Stoddard County 4-H Program. Their support is greatly appreciated!!!

Volunteers if you have not already completed your orientation please go to:

http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html
The 2013 Stoddard County 4-H Recognition Banquet was held on Saturday January 11, 2014 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Advance. Our hosts for the evening were the Advance Clovers. We would like to thank them for all their hard work setting up the church for our special evening. We appreciate all the items brought for the silent auction. We were able to raise $250 dollars to donate to the Green Clover Scholarship. Also thanks to all the clubs and families for providing us with a delicious meal. What better way to celebrate the end of another successful 4-H year than gathering with friends and enjoying good food and great company. Congratulations to all our 4-H members! You worked hard and deserved this night of recognition!

**Pillow Case Project**

Emily Johns of Star Banner 4-H challenged her club to help make 50 bright and cheery pillowcases as a project to donate to a children’s hospital of their choice. Her club exceeded her expectations by helping make 71 pillowcases. They chose to donate them to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in honor of their friend and fellow Star Banner 4-H member, Wesley Huey who has stayed there many times in the past. They would like to thank Amy and Pam Dowdy for their assistance with this project. Volunteers such as the Dowdy’s are truly appreciated. Great job Emily and Star Banner 4-H!!

**Trivia Night**

Star Banner 4-H held a Trivia Night on Friday, January 24 to benefit a local cancer charity, 18Forelife. It was held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dexter, MO. 18Forelife is a nonprofit organization that makes love offerings to area individuals or those who have connections to their area that have been diagnosed with cancer. Star Banner has been involved with 18Forelife for the past seven years. The night turned out to be a huge success as they were able to raise $3000.00 to donate to this heartwarming charity. They would like to thank all the local businesses who helped make this event possible through their donations of silent auction items and door prizes. Thanks to all those who came out and played. There were some great teams such as Class of 68 and the SEMO Red Hawk Equestrian Team just to name a couple. A very special thank you to Tyson Foods for their generous monetary donation, door prizes as well as bringing two teams to participate. Words cannot express the gratitude for their dedicated support of our 4-H Program!!!
**MISSOURI PORK EXPO AND IN THE SHOW RING**
**FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

Those attending receive Show Me Quality Assurance certification/recertification. It is strongly encouraged that attendees pre-register.

All information can be found on the website, http://www.mopork.com/events_missouriporkexpo.asp

Click on the Register Now button to register and pay (if necessary) online.

**4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

College is expensive but 4-H can help! 4-H participation and involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams.

**SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

Dates and location for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop are set: March 28-30, Camp JoOta near Clarence, MO. Look for details and registration forms to be available in mid-January. Look online at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projectsshootingsports/workshop.htm

*If you are interested in attending the cost of the workshop will be reimbursed afterwards!*

**STATE MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**

February 15, 2014 at UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab.

Registration begins at 8:30 and the contest starts at 9 a.m. and will conclude about noon with lunch provided for all participants, coaches and parents.

Cost: $15 per member – Make the check to University of Missouri, and mail it to 4-H Center, 1110 S. College, Columbia, MO 65211

Throughout Junk Drawer activities, youth are challenged to build robots from every-day items. Youth can use their Robotics Notebook to record their learning experiences, robotic designs, and data. The Curriculum is comprised of four books and 2 CDs; each is designed to meet the diverse requirements of 4-H clubs, after-school programs individual youth, and school enrichment activities. The curriculum was developed for all levels of expertise: from beginning to advanced. The National Youth Summit on Robotics will be held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center beginning with dinner on Thursday, February 14, 2014 and ending with breakfast on Mon-day, February 17, 2014. Learn more and register to-day
State 4-H Council

The 2013-2014 State 4-H Council met in Columbia in January. One of the many things on the agenda included selecting which candidates will run for office at the next State Congress.

President
Trent Ludwig (Cole) and Bridget Schumer (Cape Girardeau)

Vice President
Marcie Eggers (Livingston) and Nathan Smith (Franklin)

Treasurer
Nick Dungy (Livingston) and Mikayla Engeman (Henry)

Secretary
Jennifer Durbin (Marion) and Cooper Sadowsky (Harrison)

This team will comprise the Executive Committee of the 2014-15 State 4-H Council. Congratulations

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 17, 2014 for the 13th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The National League Champion Cardinals will be playing the Atlanta Braves 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. Families can also take part in a raffle for great prizes including the chance to throw 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. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form.

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4-H Youth Program Assistant
Stoddard County

Stephanie Milner
4-H Youth Development Specialist
Butler/Stoddard County

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 www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 7, 2014. 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. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order form.
**Clover Kids Corner**

**Mini Heart Box**

**Supplies**
- Mini Heart Boxes (cardboard boxes can be purchased at local craft stores)
- Red Paint
- Paint Brushes
- Ribbon/Lace
- Gemstones (can be purchased at local craft stores)
- Tacky glue
- Scissors
- Child’s Photo

**Instructions**
Each child paints a box. As the boxes are drying, help each child cut a heart shaped photo of him/her to glue on the box lid. Decorate the box with ribbon, lace and gemstones. Children can fill with candy or small treasures to give to someone for Valentine’s Day.