STODDARD COUNTY 4-H
JANUARY NEWSLETTER

4-H Clubs

- **Show- Me 4-H Club**
- **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

January Dates

**Thursday 2**
Winter Trip/St. Louis

**Saturday 11**
Recognition Banquet

**Monday 20:**
4-H Council Meeting 5:30pm

Deadlines

**Local Events/Projects:**

January 1: MOVE Across Missouri,

January 2: MFA Saddle Award Application

January 17: Regional Energizer paperwork due.

January 20: Teen Conference Application/fees due in County Office

**February 1:** Meats Judging Contest, Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Teen Conference, Agribusiness Academy

**March 15:** Steer weigh in 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. If this date does not work, please contact Roger Eakins to discuss other options for weigh in.

THANK YOU!!

A huge thank you to all those who came out on December 14 to help support the Wreaths Across America project in Bloomfield. Your attendance and participation meant a lot to so many and it was greatly appreciated!
4-H RIFLE
SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

The deadline has been extended! Do you have children ages 8-18 interested in shooting sports? If so, Ripley County is starting a rifle 4-H shooting sports club. This club will meet monthly to learn the importance of safety and have fun while learning. There will also be opportunities for youth to enter into state shooting events and more! If you are your child are interested in joining please contact your local University of Missouri Extension office at 573-996-2921. All forms must be turned in prior to the safety training to be held on January 13 and 14.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 20 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.

3RD ANNUAL 4-H SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ENERGIZER

Where: Kelly Schools in Benton, MO

When: February 15, 2014
1:00 pm-10:00 pm
Dance/Movie starts at 7:00 pm, everyone welcome

Who: ANY 4-H MEMBER!! 8-18 as of January 1, 2014!!!!

Cost: $15 Registration Fee

Checks Payable to Cape Girardeau County 4-H Council.

Forms and Money due January 17, 2014 To: Cape Girardeau County Extension Office P O Box 408, Jackson, MO 63755

Any questions, email Bridget Schumer, Southeast Regional Representative at schumerb@hotmail.com

All profits made will go to Kids Helping Kids.

Statewide Events:

MISSOURI PORK EXPO

The 2014 Missouri Pork Expo will be February 11-12 in Columbia. There is usually a session called “In the Show Ring” for youth. Youth that attend the entire day of ‘In the Show Ring” normally receive Show-Me Quality As-
Are you dreaming of combining your equine passion with a future career, interested in learning more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Tour may be just for you! The 2014 tour, May 20-26, will be exploring the horse industry in Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tours will include collegiate equine education departments, working cattle and horse ranches, and a possible Colorado trail ride. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, entertainment, outfitters, training, art, rodeo, saddle making, and equine welfare. In its eighth year, the tour has proven to be a great opportunity for participants to expand and clarify their possible equine related career paths. The $600 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and all travel related expenses. Applications are available at http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/ and are due before March 1, 2014. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-539-3765, da-visdd@missouri.edu.

YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT MARCH 7–9, 2014

Event website: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/summit
Team registration – Nov. 2013 - Feb. 1, 2014
$125/person – some recreation options extra
Adult chaperone fees, youth partial scholarships available

**Who should attend?**
The Summit is a statewide retreat for teams of youth ages 14-18 and adult leaders and decision-makers. Groups of new/existing leaders, representing a club, council, afterschool site, leadership team, countywide program, or organization. Groups working in youth-adult partnerships and involved in local community civic engagement.
Youth do not have to be current 4-H members to attend; adults must be approved as 4-H volunteers by the event.

**Theme**
The Summit will gather youth and adult leaders to celebrate 100 years of Cooperative Extension, explore the changing landscape of careers/workforce skills, envision the future, and travel the highway to stronger clubs, councils, & communities!

**Team registration**
Counties can register one or more teams starting Nov. 2013. Registration packets will be mailed to county offices. Teams of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group that will be working together in 2014.
Individual youth registrations, or youth without adult team leader, cannot be accepted (contact others in your region). Team registration deadline is Feb. 1, 2014.

**4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI**
4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) promotes physical activity by encouraging youths and families to engage in physical activities they enjoy such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Using an online system, youths and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year. Sign up as an individual or as part of a team.
MOVE awards will be provided. Sign up on the 4-H website at http://www.4h.missouri.edu/programs/move/

**STATE MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**
When: February 15, 2014
Where: UMC Eckles Hall, Meat Lab
Time: Registration 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. Details: The top Senior team identified in this contest will advance to National. The State 4-H Meats Contests does not require a pre-qualification.
Counties may enter any number of teams and or individuals. *Please see the meats judging attachment for more information.

Community Service

A huge band of support from local 4-Her’s turned out to help the Stoddard County Gospel Mission on Monday, December 23, 2013. 4-H members along with their parents worked diligently to help with the Mission’s Christmas basket program. What a wonderful show of generosity and compassion these young adults portrayed. We are very proud of our Stoddard County 4-H Clubs and their community service efforts.

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“Nothing is impossible; the word itself says ‘I’m possible’!”
-Audrey Hepburn
Supplies
• Corn Starch
• Water
• Bowls
• Measuring cups
• Table covering

What you do

COVER THE TABLE! Then, each child can measure ½ cup water with ¾ cup cornstarch and put into a bowl. Have them mix it up with their fingers.

Let them explore it for a while and talk about how it changes from a solid to a liquid. Ask what they think would happen if they changed the amount of either ingredient.

Let them try different combinations. Talk about their experience. What did they do? How did that work? Did anything they did surprise them? hy? What changes did they make to the experiment? What did they think would happen? Why?

What did happen? Why?