**STODDARD COUNTY 4-H**  
**MARCH NEWSLETTER**

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### 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

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### March Dates:

- **March 1**: Horse Judging State Contest, Equine Trip, Tennessee walking horse Award
- **March 15**: Shooting Sports Certification Workshop Forms
- **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.
- **March 22-23**: State Teen Conference
- **March 31**: MOVE Log Forms due to Extension office

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### 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. Leaders please make every effort possible to attend.

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### Deadlines

#### Local Events/Projects:

- **April 4**: State 4-H Congress Applications due
- **April 7**: Cardinal ticket orders due
- **May 23**: Deadline for SEMO Camp Counselor Applications (ages 14-18)
- **June 6**: Deadline for SEMO Camp Applications (ages 8-13)

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### Volunteer Orientation

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

[http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html](http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html)

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*Carlie Sifford (Swine Club)*  
*Dakotah McMeans (Puxico Warriors)*  
*Emily Johns (Star Banner 4-H)*  
*Lydia Whitaker (Star Banner 4-H)*
Winter Trip

Stoddard County 4-H members traveled to St. Louis on Saturday, February 22nd to visit the City Museum and Sky Zone. A great time was had by all. A big Thank You to the Stoddard County Extension Council for their help with renting the van for transportation. Another Thank You goes out to JT Brehmer, for volunteering to drive and chaperone. We truly appreciate all the support from our Extension Council and Volunteers.

Southeast Regional Energizer

The 2014 Southeast Regional Energizer proved to be an even greater success than last year!

There were 85 in attendance and 8 of those youngsters were from Stoddard County! Thanks to Shyann Larsen, Shelbi Miller, Celeste Huey, Wesley Huey, Braxton Huey, Megan Martin, Michaela Martin and Elizabeth Kight for attending, A HUGE thank you to Bridget Schumer and her crew for putting together another fun and exciting time for our 4-Hers! What an excellent show of leadership from these young adults. You guys are AWESOME!! We appreciate all your hard work. Thanks to all the adults that volunteered and helped as well!

4-H Summer Camp

Summer camp will be here before you know it! Our theme this year is “Shoot for the Stars”. Camp dates are June 23, 24, and 25. 4-Her’s ages 8-13 are invited to attend and ages 14-18 are eligible to apply as counselors. Remember this will be you’re 4-H age. Counselor forms have already been sent out so make sure to get those in by the deadline. Camper forms will be sent out soon. Many fun activities are being planned so make sure you register! Camp is a wonderful way to get to know other 4-Her’s in our area as well as building new friendships. For more information, contact Monie Brehmer (573) 568-3344 or Stephanie Milner at (573) 686-8064. We are looking forward to making many more 4-H camp memories!!

Project Highlight: Citizenship

Discover public issues important to you and others and make things happen. Plan a project. Create, change, or improve something that is valuable to many people. Learn to be an active citizen in a democracy through exploring possibilities and taking action! The Citizenship project can be taken alongside other 4-H projects when you apply skills you are learning, such as conservation, filmmaking or geospatial to making a better community!
4-H Move Across Missouri 4-H

_move across Missouri_... for youth who like to have fun, stay in shape and feel their best!

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/

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-H’ers ages 14-19 and is scheduled for May 28-30, 2014. 4-H’ers will learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops, and plenty of learning opportunities! Experience campus living in residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms – you name it! Applications are due April 4 to your local office. For more information, visit: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/

This event connects young filmmaking enthusiasts with film industry professionals and other youth who share those same interests. Festivalgoers are free to make the arrangements for travel, lodging, and meals that best fit their needs. Your $129 All Access Pass is your ticket to the event and includes: film screenings, field trips, festivities, meetings, exciting workshops with film industry professionals, and other opportunities. Now is the time to get started! The film submission form has been posted online and films will be accepted through July 1, 2014. Same as last year, there is a 10-minute time limit on films so we are able to screen as many as possible in the most interesting ways. We continue to urge filmmakers to avoid scenes that involve youth pointing guns at each other or other inappropriate behaviors. This will help us give your films the widest possible exposure through 4-H channels without creating unnecessary complications. This year’s film categories are: Narrative, Animation, Documentary, 4-H Promotional, and Voices of 4-H History. If you have any questions about FilmFest 4-H, please email: Filmfest4h@missouri.edu
Make sure you’ve marked your calendars for May 17th when the Cardinals will play the Atlanta Braves. Tickets for the game will be $25.00 each and include a t-shirt and the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Forms and info were sent out earlier. Orders must be postmarked by April 7 but don’t wait until the last minute because this event sells out quickly. Remember if our county wants to sit together all orders must arrive in the same envelope. For more information go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/events/cardinals/ or contact the office.

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. In 2014 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 54 college scholarships ($500 - $2,500/scholarship). 4-Hers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H website at:

http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognized/ Applications are due March 24, 2014.

2014 Missouri 4-H Equine Tour Westward Bound!

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.

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Harriet Tubman

Monie Brehmer
4-H Youth Program Assistant
Stoddard County

Stephanie Milner
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Butler County
Supplies:
Pennies
2/participants
Water
Soap
Baking Soda
Vinegar
Salt

Directions: Ask participants how they might be able to clean a penny. They may suggest water, soap, vinegar, soda, salt, etc.

Have each participant develop a hypothesis (a guess as to what might work) that he/she can test.

Give each participant two pennies. One will be a “control” penny with nothing done to clean it. Participants test their hypotheses and then share results with the group.

Note: Salt and vinegar will make the penny shine.