**STODDARD COUNTY 4-H SEPTEMBER 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.
- **Mingo 4-H Club** – meets once a month
- **Puxico Warriors** - meets once a month
- **Crowley Ridge 4-H** - meets once a month
- **Stoddard County Swine Club** - meets periodically
- **Star Banner 4-H** – meets 1st Monday of each month at the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter.

**4-H Events Calendar**

**September 5** – Show Me Wares applications due for Stoddard County & Delta Fair 4-H Young Chefs’ applications due for Stoddard County Fair **September 5-6** – SEMO Fair exhibit entries due Friday 5-7pm Saturday 8am – 12pm

**September 6** – State Livestock Judging Contest SEMO Fair Parade

**September 7** – Grandparents Day

**September 6-13** - SEMO Fair

**September 10-11** – Butler County Fair entries due

**September 13** - Fashion Revue Columbia

**September 14** – Stoddard County Fair entries due 1:00pm – 4:00pm

**September 15** – Stoddard County Livestock weigh in Large animals 12:00pm – 8:00pm Small animals 4:00pm – 8:00pm with judging

**September 15** – Shooting Sports Leadership Certification Workshop Deadline

**September 16 –20** – Stoddard County Fair

**September 20-21** - State Shooting Sports Contest

**September 21-22** – Delta Fair entries due 12:00pm – 6:00pm

**September 23-27** - Delta Fair

**October 4** – Stoddard County 4-H Achievement Day

**October 11** – Fall Regional Energizer Poplar Bluff

**4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 27 at 5:30pm. The location will be announced at a later date. Leaders will be trained on the new enrollment process for members. It is very important that everyone attend so that you will be able to take this information back to your club. As of now there is not another training scheduled.
We would like to take this opportunity to welcome a new 4-H Club to Stoddard County. The Mingo 4-H Club was formed on July 15, 2014. Leaders are Holly Burns and Marvin Jones of Puxico. We are so excited to have them both as well as their children/grandchildren join our program.

Emily Johns and family welcomed 4-H Exchange Delegate, Naoka Ito, into their home over the summer. Naoko is 14 years old and from Tokyo, Japan. She spent four weeks with the Johns family experiencing some of Missouri’s great adventures. They went camping, climbed Elephant Rock, visited the River Front in Cape, toured local farms with the Young Farmers Group and what would a visit to Missouri be without attending a Cardinals game. One of her favorite experiences seemed to be square dancing at the Puxico Homecoming. Emily learned origami from Naoka and the two had a blast cooking for the family. One of Emily’s regrets from her visit to Japan last year as a 4-H Exchange Delegate was not bringing home a kimono so Naoka presented her with one before she left. The John’s family says “It was a great experience and if anyone has any questions about hosting or going to Japan they should definitely call and talk to us.”

Star Banner 4-H Club held their August meeting at the Hidden Trails Country Club Pool in Dexter. They wanted to help fellow member, Emily Johns, welcome her 4-H Exchange Delegate, Naoka Ito, from Japan to the US and chose to host a pool party in her honor. They enjoyed pizza, swimming and learning about Naoko’s home. Star Banner members decorated a t-shirt as a souvenir for Naoka to take back with her. Kudos to Star Banner for being so thoughtful and helping the John’s family make Naoko feel welcomed!!

Enrollment is Coming Soon! The 4-H year officially ends on August 31. We will now be entering into the 2015 4-H year. There are no longer member enrollment forms and leaders will be enrolling members online starting next month. ALL leaders are still required to complete the volunteer form and orientation before they can start meeting with their project groups or clubs. This is a state requirement. To complete the online version, visit: http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/application.htm

4-H dues are currently $10 a year, but will increase to $22 beginning January 1, 2015. Remember, this covers membership for an entire 4-H year and both county and state fees.

The SEMO District Fair will kick off on Saturday, September 6 with the parade and run through September 13. 4-H exhibits will be
accepted on Friday, September 5 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm and on Saturday, September 6 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. You can find rules and regulations on their website at: www.semofair.com

Please read these carefully as rules change from year to year in order to keep up to date with project literature. Please note that some projects require a “signature of Project Leader” so make sure to read the fair book requirements before completing your entry tags.

The Stoddard County Fair will begin on September 16 with a parade in downtown Dexter at 5:30pm. 4-H rules and regulations can be found on their website: http://www.stoddardcountyfair.com

Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday, September 14 from 1:00pm until 4:00pm and pick up on Sunday, September 21 from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. Anyone that would like to send projects to the Delta Fair will need to retag on the 21st and we will transport them for you. Speeches for the 4-H/FFA Public Speaking contest will be due on the 14th as well. Livestock will be accepted on Monday, 15th from 12:00pm – 8:00pm (large animals) 4:00pm – 8:00pm (small animals). SMQA certification is required for 4-H members showing animals. Looking forward to seeing all our talented 4-Her’s and their creations at the fair!

4-H Young Chefs’ Cooking Contest

We are excited to announce a new contest to be held at the Stoddard County Fair this year. It’s open to all 4-H members. Yes even the Clover Kids can participate in this one! You do not have to be enrolled in a foods project to participate either. See the flyer and registration form attached to this newsletter. Contact the office for more details.

4-H Show Me Wares

Youth will once again be able to participate in the 4-H Show Me Wares program at the Stoddard County Fair and for the very first time at the Delta Fair. This program gives 4-H members a chance to show and sell their products to the general public. You do not have to be enrolled in the entrepreneurship project to participate. Applications are due to the office no later than September 5th. The information packet and registration form is attached to this newsletter. If you should have any questions, or need a form please contact the office. 573-568-3344

2014 Delta Fair

Delta Fair dates are September 23 – 27. Entries will be accepted on Monday, September 22 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. You can find 4-H rules and regulations at: www.deltafairfun.com

We hope to many entries from our Stoddard County 4-Her’s exhibited this year.

4-H Achievement Day

4-Her’s get ready, get set and make plans to attend the Stoddard County 4-H Achievement Day to be held on Saturday, October 4 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Stoddard County Fairgrounds. Members will have the opportunity
to participate in fun filled events where they can earn ribbons or certificates. Those who receive top place in each event will receive pins or medals at our annual Recognition Banquet. This will be a great way for youth to show off their projects and get to know other 4-H members from our area. More information will be coming soon!

**FALL REGIONAL ENERGIZER**

This year the 1st ever Southeast Regional Energizer will be held in Poplar Bluff on October 11 from 1pm to 8pm at the First United Methodist Church on 500 N Main Street. The Energizer is a fun-filled day of events for ages 8-18. This year there will also be volunteer workshops as well! Costs and registration forms are coming soon! We hope to see you there!

**Robotics Conference Cancelled**

Unfortunately the Robotics Conference scheduled for September 13 in Farmington has been cancelled. There is strong interest in youth robotics throughout Missouri; however, a conference format at this time appears not to be the best way to build on that interest. As we move forward we will keep you informed about future youth robotics trainings and opportunities.

**SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION**

Are you interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor? There are many disciplines to choose from, such as: air rifle, archery, trap, skeet, .22 rifle and more. **Registration is due September 15, but don’t wait!** The workshops fill quickly, so register as soon as possible. Details and the registration form are available on the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports website: [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm)

**2015 4-H Outbound Exchange**

Are you interested in going to another country? Spend a summer abroad and immerse yourself in another culture. See attached information flyers about the outbound programs available for the summer of 2015 to Japan, Finland, and Costa Rica. Applications are due to the state office on or before NOVEMBER 1, 2014. Check out our website for more details or email Joyce Taylor at: TaylorJL@missouri.edu.

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Supplies

- Spoons, markers and liquid measuring cup
- Quart size sealable bags – 1/participant
- Gallon size sealable bags – 1 for every 2 participants
- Instant pudding – one package (3.4 oz.) for every 2 participants
- Milk – 2/3 cup for each participant

Directions

1. Each youth puts ½ the package of instant pudding in a quart size sealable bag.
2. Add 2/3-cup milk and seal bag WELL and mark with children’s names. Two youth can place their WELL-SEALED quart bags into a gallon bag and close.
3. Have children toss the bag to each other GENTLY (best done outside) until pudding is ready to eat.
4. Pass out spoons and participants can eat from plastic bags.