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.
- **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.

Wesley Huey (8/5)
Abram Green (8/9)
Celeste Huey (8/11)
Whittley Burns (8/20)
Jandro Reed (8/22)

- **July 29** – SMQA Training (Dexter)
- **August 1** – State Fair Demonstration Registration
- **August 6** – Summer Program, Bloomfield
- **August 11** – SEMO Fair Livestock Entries
- **August 13-23** – Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- **August 15** – Shooting Sports Certification Workshop
- **August 17** – 4-H Council Meeting
- **August 22-23** – State Shooting Sports Contest, Columbia
- **August 28-30** – Shooting Sports Leader Certification, Clinton
- **August 31** – State Public Speaking Contest

Our 4-H Council will meet on August 17th at 5:30pm in Bloomfield. We have much to discuss so hope to see all of our leaders, youth representatives, and CYL’s at this meeting.
Leaders don’t forget to turn in your Club’s Youth Service to Communities Form to the office by September 1st so your club can be recognized at the state level for their community service projects completed throughout the year. It is attached to this newsletter just in case you missed the last one.

Our second Summer Program (Health and Fitness) was held on Wednesday, July 15 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter. We would like to thank Jeanie Huey, Nutritionist from the University of Missouri Extension, for teaching the kids about eating healthy. Everyone enjoyed making breakfast banana splits. Afterwards youth participated in games and relay races to show how staying fit can be fun. Thank you to our older 4-H members for serving as counselors and helping out. The last program (topic TBA) is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th at the 1st General Baptist Church in Bloomfield (501 Christian Drive) beginning at 4:30 followed by a pizza and pool party at the Bloomfield Country Club from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. If you would like to register your youth for this program, please call the office or email brehmerm@umsystem.edu at least one week in advance. There is no cost to attend and you do not have to be enrolled in 4-H so feel free to bring a friend or two.

Laura Stickles, Regional Representative, reported that the 2015-16 4-H State Council held their first meeting on Campus in Columbia on July 11-12. Laura said they were able to accomplish a lot at this meeting. They chose the theme for State Teen Conference and Congress which will be “Spy: Cracking the Code of Leadership”, Marshall the Miracle Dog paid them a visit and brought packets of information for his Mentoring Program and she was assigned to her counties which include Stoddard, Cape, Perry and Bollinger. The next meeting is set for October. Thank you Laura for keeping us up to date!

The Stoddard County Fair is right around the corner so start making plans to join us for all the fun and excitement on September 22-26. You can find information, dates and rules at: http://www.stoddardcountyfair.com Exhibits will be accepted on Sunday (14th) from 1:00pm until 4:00pm. 4-H/FFA speeches will be due at this time as well. Livestock entries will be taken on Monday, 21st from 12:00pm-8:00pm (large animals).
4:00pm-8:00pm (small animals except for poultry). SMQA certification is required for all 4-H members showing any breed of animal. If you cannot attend the Training on July 29th in Dexter, you can complete the certification online at: http://agebb.missouri.edu/smqa/

Make sure to print off the proof of completion at the end. Sign, date and return a copy to the office for our records. The 4-H Show Me Wares Program will be offered again this year. Forms and information packets will be sent out soon. We hope to offer the 4-H Young Chefs’ Contest again this year. This contest will be open to all 4-H members including Clover Kids and you do not have to be enrolled in a Foods Project to participate. Watch for more information.

The Stoddard County Fair Board has voted not to accept poultry entries at the fair this year due to the potential of Avian Influenza. Exhibitors that pre-registered will still have the opportunity to show but in a different manner. They will be allowed to display a 4 X 6 picture of their poultry on an 8X10 piece of poster board. Youth will still fill out an entry tag for the poster board. Entries will be judged just as if your poultry was present. They apologize for any inconvenience but believe this is the best decision to avoid any problems. This change is only for the 2015 Fair.

County Youth Liaisons (CYL’S) are elected each year to interact with clubs and the 4-H Council to identify the needs of the county and it’s clubs. Youth who are 14 (as of January 1st) and over are eligible to apply for this position. The term runs from October 1 – September 30. This is a great way to increase your leadership skills and it will look good on resumes and when applying for scholarships. The application is due to the Extension office by September 30. If you have any questions or need more information, contact the office at (573) 568-3344.

State & Other Events

The SEMO District Fair is fast approaching!

Livestock entries are due August 11.
*4-H Beef, swine, sheep, and goat will show Sept. 16.
*4-H Poultry, rabbit and guinea pigs show Sept. 12.
*4-H Horse, mule and pony show is Sept. 19.

*The 4-H Exhibit Hall will be accepting entries Sept. 11 from
5 pm – 7 pm and Sept. 12 from 8 am - 12 pm.

SEMO Fair tags are available for pick up in our office. Each member must print off and fill out a 4-H Exhibit form. These forms must be turned in with their entries. The form as well as rules and other information can be found online at: www.semofair.com

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Materials

- heavy-weight paper bowls
- white yarn
- glow-in-the-dark acrylic paint
- paint brushes and painting supplies
- scissors
- zipper sandwich bags
- skewer or sharp pencil

Directions

Paint the bowl inside and out. Use two or more coats of paint for a brighter "glow".

For the tentacles, cut 10 - 12 pieces of yarn approximately 36 inches in length. Place them in a zipper sandwich bag with several squirts of glow paint and seal the bag.

Squish! Squish! Squish! Until the yarn is completely covered, adding more paint if necessary. If the paint is too thick, add a little water to the bag. Hang the yarn to dry.

At the center of the bowl, punch two holes about 0.5 inch apart using a skewer or sharp pencil. Cut a piece of yarn approximately 40 inches long. Thread it through the two holes so that both ends come out the bottom of the bowl.

From the inside of the bowl, pull the yarn up to form a small loop. Thread the tentacles through and roughly center them under the loop. Flip the bowl, pull the yarn taut and tie a double knot. Back on the inside, grasp the tentacles as one bunch and tie a single knot.

The frilly appendages flanking the mouths of some types of jellyfish are called oral arms. To recreate these, unravel a few pieces of yarn that hang close to the center of the bunch.

Charge your jellyfish creation in bright light for at least 30 minutes. Turn out the lights and enjoy its luminous glow!