**STODDARD COUNTY 4-H**

**FEBRUARY 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.
- **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.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **January 30-31** - Ag Expo, & Officer Training
- **February 1** – Stoddard County Fairboard Scholarship Apps must be postmarked
- **February 1** - Youth Civic Leaders Summit Registration
- **February 14** – 4-H Regional Energizer, Kelly Schools
- **February 17** – 4-H Council Meeting
- **March 1** - Green Clover Scholarships Apps must be postmarked
- **March 6-8** – Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Windermere
- **March 28/29** – Teen Conference, Columbia, MO
- **April 1** – Scholarship Applications due to State Office

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**Recognition Banquet**

- **County Medal Winners**
- **Leadership Awards**
- **Move Across Missouri Participants**

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The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30pm at the Extension office in Bloomfield. 4-H Council By-Laws state each club should be represented by 2 volunteers and 2 members’ preferably the president and vice president. County Youth Liaisons are also asked to be present. Clubs/Members in good standing will be discussed so we hope to see everyone there.
Stoddard County members, families and volunteers gathered together on Saturday evening, January 17th to celebrate the end of another great year in 4-H. Crowley Ridge was our host and did a wonderful job making everyone feel welcome. Thanks to their club for all the hard work they put into setting up this event for our county. A Silent Auction was held from items donated by our 4-H Families. The proceeds ($250) were donated to the Stoddard County Green Clover Scholarship fund. Congratulations go out to all our county medal and award recipients. We commend all these youth for their hard work and accomplishments. Tyson Foods and Southeast Cooperative Service were recognized as Friends of Stoddard County 4-H for their support to our program as well as the youth. A big thank you to the parents and volunteers for all the support you give to the program. We could not do what we do without the support from these businesses and adults. Check out our Stoddard County 4-H Facebook page for additional banquet pictures.

Star Banner Trivia Night

Star Banner 4-H Club hosted a Trivia Night and Silent Auction to benefit 18Forelife, UCAN and Wreaths Across America on Friday evening, January 23rd. They were able to raise over $3,000 for these great charities. What an awesome show of community service these youth provide!! They were also able to present Tyson Foods with their Friends of 4-H plaque since they were unable to attend the banquet. A HUGE thank you to Tyson Foods for all the support they give our 4-H Program. We truly appreciate all they do for us and our youth. Thank you to all the local businesses for their donations, members of the community for coming out and supporting the event as well all the adult volunteers for their help..

Outstanding Volunteers

SHOOTING SPORTS DATES

SS Leader Certification Workshop
*Spring March 20-22 Camp MoVal Union, MO

*Hunting Skills Leader Workshop April 17-19 Windermere Roach, MO

*State Trap Shoot August 22 MTA Fields Linn Creek, MO

*State Archery -NFAA 300 August 22-23 Prairie Grove Columbia, MO

*SS Leader Certification Workshop August 28-30 Life Change Camp in Clinton

*State Shoot – all other events September 19-20 Prairie Grove in Columbia, MO

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI

If you have not yet enrolled there is still time! This is a project you can do in your own time and you are probably already doing it! 4-H can participate in teams or individually. Youth and adults fill out the MOVE
log each month and turn it in to your local Extension office. All participants usually win a prize! Bonus: The office has 10% off cards for Dunham’s for anyone who enrolls in the project!

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS**

Applications for Regional Representative are available at [http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/](http://4h.missouri.edu/go/getinvolved/council/). There are four representatives for the Southeast region elected at State Congress in June. Representatives serve a one year term. You must be 14 (as of January 1st) and older to apply. Applications are due to the extension office by **February 9th**.

The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers educational scholarships for 4-H youth and former 4-H members pursuing post-secondary study. Sixty scholarships are available, each ranging from $500 to $2,500. One scholarship application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to conditions specified by the donor. Applications are due to the extension office on **March 18**.

Applications are at [http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms).

Applications for Missouri State Fair Youth in Agriculture Scholarships are now available online at [www.mostatefair.com/youth-in-agriculture](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms) for Missouri high school seniors graduating in 2015. Applications should be submitted to the Missouri State Fair and must be postmarked by **February 2, 2015**. There is one $2,500 supreme scholarship and thirty-six $1,000 scholarships. To be eligible, scholarship applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited Missouri college or university, with the ambition to acquire a degree in agriculture. Applicants must also be high school seniors and active members of 4-H or FFA. While the applicants must have participated at least once as a 4-H or FFA exhibitor at the Missouri State Fair, applicants cannot have sold livestock in any past Missouri State Fair Sale of Champions Auction.

Agriculture Future of America is encouraging graduating high school seniors and current college students to apply for the AFA Leader and Academic Scholarship Program. The scholarship has two components, a $1,000 sponsorship to AFA’s Leaders Conference, and an academic, financial support award following attendance of the conference. The program is offering more than 60 scholarships for 2015, is open to students pursuing four year degrees in agriculture-related fields.

*What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.*  
*Henry David Thoreau*

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Valentine Snack Pots

What you need
- Terra cotta clay pots
- Pencils
- Acrylic paints
- Spray sealer
- Valentine stickers
- Ribbon
- Paint brushes
- Newspaper
- Pencil (With new eraser)
- Sponge
- Plastic terra cotta pot liner

What you do
Lay the newspaper on a work space. First, show the children all the supplies and tell them to think about what they want their finished pot to look like. Paint the inside and the outside of the pot and let it dry. It may need more than one coat to cover it. Decorate the pot.
Try different methods: polka dots can be made by dipping the pencil eraser in paint and dabbing it on the pot. Stickers are easy to use. Conversation hearts can be glued on. Use a sponge to add another color on top of the old one. (Get the sponge wet, wring out the water, and dab it into the paint. Wipe off the extra paint on the newspaper. Dap it lightly onto the first color.) When it is all finished, spray with acrylic sealer and let it dry.
Put the liner in and fill with a nutritious snack (or conversation hearts!).