STODDARD COUNTY 4-H
JANUARY 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.

Happy Birthday!
Savannah Colbert 1/2 (4-H Riders)
Lily Stephens 1/18 (Puxico Warriors)
Dylan Hefner 1/25 (4-H Riders)

Mark Your Calendar!

December 31 – Enrollments Due/Office Closed
January 9 – Energizer Deadline
January 14 – Youth Futures
January 17 – Recognition Banquet
January 30 – Teen Conference forms due to county office
January 30 & 31 - Ag Expo, Officer Training
February 1 - Youth Civic Leaders Summit Registration
February 14 – 4-H Regional Energizer, Kelly Schools
February 17 – 4-H Council Meeting
January 17 – Recognition Banquet
March 6-8 – Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Windermere
March 28/29 – Teen Conference, Columbia, MO
April 1 – Scholarship Applications due to State Office

Date Change

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17 instead of Monday the 16th. We apologize for any inconvenience. Remember the Stoddard County 4-H Council bylaws state that County Youth Liaisons, 2 volunteers and 2 members preferably the president and vice president must attend from each club.

All 4-H members must be enrolled online by December 31 in order to take advantage of the $10 per year dues. After this date the dues will increase to $22. Our office has been working around the clock to ensure that members are enrolled by the deadline however we have a few that have yet to enroll. If you wish to take advantage of the discounted dues, please hurry and enroll by December 31st. You can enroll online at https://mo.4honline.com
A **BIG** Thank You goes out to Southeast Cooperative for their generous donation made towards our 4-H Program!! We cannot thank them enough for the support they've given our youth over the years. Their generosity is appreciated tremendously!!

**Wreaths Across America**

Stoddard County 4-Her’s attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony that took place on Saturday, December 13 at the Missouri Veteran’s Cemetery in Bloomfield. The youth purchased wreaths and helped place them on the grave sites to remember and honor our veteran's. This is always a very heartwarming ceremony that they’ve enjoyed being a part of for several years. See the Stoddard County 4-H Facebook page for more pictures.

Despite the rain and cold county 4-H members, parents and grandparents turned out to help the Stoddard County Gospel Mission with their annual Christmas Basket distribution on Monday, December 22nd. This is just another project the youth have been involved with for many years to show their appreciation towards their community and give back a little. More pictures posted on their Facebook page. A **HUGE** thank you to these kids for always making the best better!

There will be 2 new events at Ag Expo this year! 4-H/FFA Public Speaking and Officer Training. Public speaking will be held on Saturday from 9:00am until 11:00am and Officer training on Saturday from 9:30am until 11:30am. Youth interested may attend both. For more information contact the Butler County Extension Office at 573-686-8064.

**Youth Futures Classes**

4-H has great news! Youth Futures is now open. If you are in grades 8-12 and want to attend college please contact Stephanie Milner at 573-686-8064 to see if you qualify for the program. There is no additional cost to current 4-H members, and 10 youth from the county can attend the Youth Futures Conference in Columbia this summer for **FREE**! The first class will be held on January 14 at 4:30 pm at the Extension office. The first class will be over Academic Preparedness for College.

Ag Expo is set to take place on Friday, January 30 from 1:00pm to 8:00pm and Saturday, 31st from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff.
Orscheln’s Discount

Recently 4-H received notice that the 10% at Orscheln’s was discontinued. Orscheln’s wants to communicate with their stores on the status and will let us know when the 10% discount is reinstated.

Help Us Build the National 4-H History Map

Your contribution is needed today to help us build the National 4-H Map. Give us your county’s notable historical tidbits, photos, factoids and features. It is preferred that there be a tie to 4-H. Please visit the website at http://goo.gl/vGF9nt to input your county’s information. Any questions contact Bob McNary at mcnaryrl@missouri.edu

4-H Farm Safety and Health Video Contest

The Central State Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH) is hosting a 4H Farm Safety and Health Video Contest. This contest presents an opportunity for 4-H students to:
- learn about agricultural safety and health issues
- create an educational video that will provide outreach and become an enduring educational resource to their community.
- receive personal protective equipment and educational materials and
- win prize money for their 4-H Chapter.

Have your 4-H Club:
- create a 60 second video on Safe livestock Handling Practices (cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, chickens……)
- send in the video file by Friday, January 16, 2015
- After the videos are posted online the students can invite their friends, family, and community to view their video.

The 3 videos with the most views by April 17 will receive cash prizes. All participating students receive a bag full of personal protective equipment. Please email Ellen ellen.duysen@unmc.edu or call (402-552-3394) with questions

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.” – Alexander Graham Bell

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Indoor Snow People

If you have snow accumulation, try this activity.

**Materials/Supplies**

- Clean snow
- Plastic containers or plates
- Bucket for snow
- Mittens
- Small containers
- Colorful fabric for trim, buttons, raisins, etc.

Bring a bucket of clean snow inside. Have each child put on mittens or gloves and build snow people in the plastic container or on the plate. Decorate with a strip of fabric for a scarf, and add eyes and a nose.

For variations, create other snow creatures or spray paint the snow. If you don’t have snow where you live, create “clean snow” by grating up bars of Ivory Soap. The gratings are easy to mold into shapes.