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!!!

Carlie Sifford 3/6 (Swine Club)
Lydia Whitaker 3/6 (Star Banner)
Dakotah McMeans 3/21 (Puxico)
Talley Burns 3/25 (Mingo 4-H)
Emily Johns 3/29 (Star Banner)

March 1 - Green Clover Scholarships Due (Apps must be postmarked by 3/1)
March 6-8 - Youth Civic Leaders Summit, Windermere
March 7 – Marshall the Miracle Dog Movie 10am @ Dexter Twin Cinema
March 8 – Daylight Savings Time
March 14 – SEMO Fair Steer Weigh in, Fruitland
March 20 – 4-H Scholarship Applications due to Extension Office
March 28-29 – Teen Conference, Columbia, MO
April 6 – 4-H Day with the Cardinals orders due
April 15 – Registration for State Congress Due
May 1 – Starter Flock Applications due
May 18 – 4-H Council Meets
June 3-5 – State 4-H Congress

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18th at 5:30pm at the Extension office in Bloomfield.

Congratulations go out to J.T. Brehmer for receiving the Frank Graham Volunteer Leadership Award. J.T. grew up in the program as a member of Star Banner 4-H. He's contributed the last 14 years of service to the club as a leader as well as to the Stoddard County 4-H Program. J.T. will be recognized at the Annual State Banquet to be held on March 13th in Columbia. A special thank you goes out to J.T. for all that he has done to help our youth grow and succeed. We truly appreciate your dedication to the program as we do all our outstanding volunteers!
Laura Stickles has been selected as a candidate for Regional Representative. She is the daughter of Roy and Laura Stickles of Bloomfield and has been a member of Star Banner 4-H for 6 years. 4-H youth in every Missouri County are represented by their peers on the Missouri State 4-H Council. The State 4-H Council is comprised of 4-Officers, 4 State Representatives, and 28 Regional Representatives. Elected from each region at State 4-H Congress, Missouri's State 4-H Council works with County Youth Liaisons, assists in planning & implementing statewide 4-H programs, gives youth input on 4-H program & policy issues, and works to address the issues & concerns most important to Missouri 4-H youth. We hope to have a big group of youth to attend Congress this year to support her. Congratulations Laura!!! We are so proud of you and wish you the best of luck!!

Marshall has chosen Missouri, his home state, for a sneak peak of his new movie, Marshall the Miracle Dog, on March 7-8, 2015. Marshall is calling upon all fellow Missourians to join he and all of his friends at over 40 theaters across the state as Missouri “Commits to Be Kind.”

The “Commit to Be Kind” weekend is a statewide effort focused on bullying prevention and the mistreatment of animals. 4-H Missouri Extension as well as hundreds of schools, and animal shelters, from all 114 counties in Missouri, will join forces to make the kind of difference that comes only with a commitment to kindness. Students are encouraged to get involved by organizing supply item drives for their local animal shelters. Other groups and organizations will find their own way to stand up and be heard. The “real” Marshall will be making appearances at several of the theaters throughout the weekend.

Marshall the Miracle Dog reveals how friendship can be found in the most unsuspecting of places. More importantly, this family film reaffirms that everyone – even bullies – have the ability to change for the better and become a positive influence in the lives of others. Audiences will be left with Marshall’s paw print on their heart.

The “Commit to Be Kind” weekend is being presented in conjunction with Missouri 4-H, the Humane Society of Missouri, PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center and Character Plus. 10% of all ticket sales will benefit Missouri 4-H. This film is inspired by a true story.
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 20**. Applications can be found at: [http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms](http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/scholarships/#forms)

### 4-H State Congress

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-H'er's ages 14-19. The [Missouri State 4-H Council](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/) plans and implements the event that will be held on the [University of Missouri](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/) campus on June 3-5. 4-H'er's will learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops, and plenty of learning opportunities! They will experience campus living in residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms. For more information you can visit: [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/)

The 2015 registration fee is $200.00 and registrations will be processed through [4HOnline](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/).

### Sheep Starter Flock Grants

This year MSP has teamed up with FCS Financial to offer up to three $600 starter flock grants to 4-H or FFA youth to purchase ewes. Applicants must not currently own sheep, be involved with Missouri 4-H and/or FFA, work with a current MSP members in a mentorship program and submit a completed application to include a letter of recommendation from their mentor. The successful applicants must purchase their ewes from a current MSP members by September 1, coordinate with their mentor on a breeding program for the ewes to lamb the following spring, maintain possession of the ewes for at least one year, and maintain records of income vs expenses to be presented at the annual MSP membership meeting the fall of 2016. These youth's presentations are always a highlight of the annual meeting. 

Grant eligibility, requirements and applications can be viewed and downloaded from the MSP webpage at [www.missourisheep.com](http://www.missourisheep.com)

Questions can be directed to Scott Kaden at: [rollakadens@embarqmail.com](mailto:rollakadens@embarqmail.com) or 573-578-9801. Applications must be postmarked by **May 1** and mailed to:
Scott Kaden 15850 CR 7200 Rolla, MO 65401

Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour for daylight savings time on March 8, 2015.

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Irish Soda Bread

**Ingredients**
- 4 cups flour (unsifted)
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 4 tablespoons butter

**Directions**
1. Mix flour, soda, sugar and salt in large mixing bowl.
2. Stir in raisins.
3. Make a well in the mixture and pour in buttermilk. Stir until well blended.
4. Knead dough 8 to 10 times on floured wax paper. Roll dough into a ball.
5. Use 1 1/2 tablespoons of butter to grease cookie sheet.
6. Place dough ball on cookie sheet and pat into thick circle. Use floured knife to make an X on top of loaf (keeps loaf from cracking). Spread remaining butter on tops and sides of bread.
7. Bake loaf in preheated 375 degree oven for about 40 minutes.
8. Check periodically to see if top of loaf is golden brown.

Children can eat it with butter and green mint jelly!