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St. Charles County Edition

Dates to Remember

February

- 2 County Rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.
- 8 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 Mandatory Steer Weigh-In

March

- 1 Fair Board meeting, 7 p.m.
- 2 County Rabbit project meeting, 7 p.m.
- 3 Shotgun Orientation - 6:30 p.m.
Daniel Boone Gun Club
- 31 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m.

April

- 7 .22 Rifle Orientation - 6:00 p.m.
Daniel Boone Gun Club
- 17 Virtual Fair Dinner Auction
- 24 Mandatory Swine Weigh-In
- 26 Archery Orientation - 5:00 p.m.
St. Charles County Fairgrounds

May

- 1 Mandatory Market Lamb Weigh-In



happy valentines day

Announcement

I will be leaving Extension at the end of the month. My last day will be February 26th. Melissa Scheer, of Jefferson County, will be providing leadership in the interim.

Rabbit Registration March 2nd

The rabbit project meeting will be held at the Wentzville VFW at 7 p.m. Please remember, you will need to bring to the March meeting a buck and doe to show ownership. Only first time exhibitors and exhibitors changing their breed from the previous year are required to present a breeding pair. This is only for those entering in the market and/or meat pens. If you have questions about this requirement, contact fair rabbit superintendent Eric Webb at 314-750-0687. To keep up to date on project information please make sure that you have requested to be part of the Rabbit Facebook group. Search and request to be a member of "St. Charles County 4-H Rabbit Program".

Steer Weigh In

This is a final reminder that a mandatory steer weigh in and ear tagging will be held February 27, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds located in Rotary Park,

Wentzville. If you are planning to show a steer at the St. Charles County Fair in July, you (or someone you designate) must bring your steer to the weigh in and have your steer tagged on this day. If you show up with your steer at the fair without the proper ear tag, you will not be allowed to show. All beef project leaders are asked to contact Denny Meyer at 636-262-1460 for further information and to volunteer to help at the weigh in.

Swine Weigh In

The mandatory swine weigh in will be held April 24th from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Lamb Weigh In

The mandatory market lamb weigh in will be held May 1st from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the St. Charles County Fairgrounds. Please mark this date on your calendar.





2021 Livestock Rules and Regulations

The 2021 Livestock Rules & Regs have been posted on the St. Charles County Fair website. Please go to the website and view <https://www.stcharlescofair.org/p/getinvolved>. These rules can change frequently so always look to the website for the most up to date information.

St. Charles County Fair Dinner Auction

The St. Charles County Fair Benefit Dinner Auction will be held virtually this year. The date is April 17th. The Fair Board is requesting donations from 4-H clubs, members and families. More details will be forthcoming as the fair board makes their plans.

Show Me Quality Assurance

All 4-H members enrolled in a food animal project (including beef, swine, dairy cattle, meat and dairy goats, rabbits, and poultry) must complete the appropriate level of the Show Me Quality Assurance certification in order to be in good standing in the project and be eligible to show at the fair. Many of you attended an SMQA training last year, or completed the online version, however, depending on age, you may have to do this again. If you are not sure of your status, contact the Extension office. There will not be a face to face workshop this year so please complete the online tutorial. The on line tutorial is available at www.agebb.missouri.edu/smqa **Print off the certificate after you successfully complete the tutorial, sign and send it to the Extension Office for processing.**

Leadership Opportunities

Attention volunteers, we have project leadership opportunities for Robotics and the shooting sports discipline of BB/Pellet. Please contact us if you are interested.

Facebook Anyone?

If you are a Facebook user there are many Facebook groups that you can follow or request to be a member. Search for

- MU Extension in St. Charles County (MUExtStCharlesCo)
- St. Charles County 4-H Parents
- St. Charles Co. 4-H Goat Project
- St. Charles County Sheep Project
- St. Charles County Poultry Project
- St. Charles County 4-H Rabbit Program
- St. Charles County 4-H Shotgun
- St. Charles County 4-H .22 Rifle
- St. Charles County 4-H Dog Care Project

Some clubs also have Facebook pages – inquire with your club leader to see if your club has a page.

Shooting Sports Safety Training

This training is mandatory for all youth enrolled in shooting sports for the first time. **We will not have a face to face training this year so please register for the online training so that you may participate in shooting sports for this program year.**

The 740 Shooting Sports Project which is a mandatory, one time project for all shooting sports members is ideally held in person. However, we recognize that this is impossible in some counties at this time. This project has been revamped and will be available through Canvas with approval of County 4-H specialists to those counties that cannot currently hold face to face meetings due to Covid. You will register through 4-H Online as you would for any event in the 740 Shooting Sports Safety training at a cost of \$5.00 per family. Registration will open January 15 and will stay open through April. Be sure to have this completed before the start of the program on the dates listed below.

Register from within [4HOnline \(link\)](#).

Shooting Sports Meetings

All orientation meetings should be attended by the youth and at least one parent or guardian. All orientation meetings will be held at the practice site.

- ◆ Shotgun - March 3, weather permitting, 6:30 p.m., Daniel Boone Gun Club
- ◆ .22 Rifle - April 7, 6:00 p.m., Daniel Boone Gun Club
- ◆ Archery - April 26, 5:00 p.m., St. Charles County Fairgrounds
- ◆ BB/Pellet - to be determined.





Junior Leader Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships will be offered by the Junior Leader Club for past and present Junior Leader Club members. In the event that these scholarships are not awarded in a given year, the money will be earmarked for additional scholarships the following year. The scholarships are available for either college/university or vocational/technical education on the undergraduate and graduate level. Students must not have passed their 23rd birthday as of January 1 of the current year; must have completed 5 years of 4-H club work; and be an active member of the County Junior Leader Club a minimum of 3 years or have completed 3 years of leadership projects in their club. Call the Extension Center for a scholarship application or visit our website <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/forms.aspx>

Applications are due at the Extension Center by May 1.

4-H Council Scholarships

The 4-H Council is providing two \$500 scholarships to 4-H members that will be attending either a college/university or vocational/technical school in the fall. We will follow the same guidelines and application that is used for the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships, with the exception that a financial information page is not required for the 4-H Council scholarships. You can find the guidelines and application at <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships>. **Application is due at the Extension Center by May 1**

Shooting Sports Scholarship

The county shooting sports committee is providing two \$500 scholarships to 4-H shooting sports members that will be attending this fall or are currently enrolled in either a college/university or vocational/technical school. We will follow the same guidelines and application that is used for the Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarships, with the exception that a financial information page is not required for this shooting sports scholarship. You can find the guidelines and application at <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships>. **Application is due at the Extension Center May 1.** Since we are using the same form for the Council Scholarships also, please indicate on your form that you are applying for the shooting sports scholarship. If you are applying for both a Council Scholarship and Shooting Sports Scholarship, please send an application for each.

Ruth and Jim Mellor 4-H Scholarship/State 4-H Scholarships

Don't forget we have a special \$500 scholarship opportunity through the Missouri 4-H Foundation. The fund has been created in honor of Ruth & Jim Mellor, who have been passionate 4-H volunteers since 1987. Ruth Mellor was a graduate of 4-H in Ray County, Missouri, and she has served as the club leader for the Harvester 4-H Club since 1989. Both Ruth & Jim Mellor have served as project leaders for a variety of projects, including Foods, Clothing, Visual Arts, and Woodworking.

Applicants must be a present or former 4-H member from St. Charles County planning to enroll or be enrolled as an undergraduate at an accredited 4-year college or university, community college, technical or trade school or in a graduate program. The scholarship recipient is not limited to Missouri schools.


Preference in awarding the scholarship will be given to current or former 4-H members from the Harvester 4-H Club. In the event there are no qualified applicants from the Harvester 4-H Club, the scholarship may be awarded countywide. If no county applications are received, the scholarship will be awarded statewide.

Like the other Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarships, the scholarship application is based on the Missouri Recognition Form. Once you complete the MRF form, you've completed most of the narrative for the scholarship application, too.

A number of other 4-H scholarships are available through the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Present and former Missouri 4-H members, planning to enroll in college in the fall, may apply for these scholarships. One Missouri 4-H Scholarship Application permits the applicant to be considered for any available scholarship, subject to the conditions specified by the donors. If you are interested in applying, call the Extension Center for the application form and complete details or visit the website <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships> **Applications are completely on-line this year. No signature is required at the county level.**



Clovers & Congratulations

 To Ali Huffstutter for her first place design and Ella McAllister for her second place design in the St. Charles County 4-H Banner for the Missouri State Fair. Ali received \$50 and Ella received \$30 in prize money.



4-H Move Across Missouri

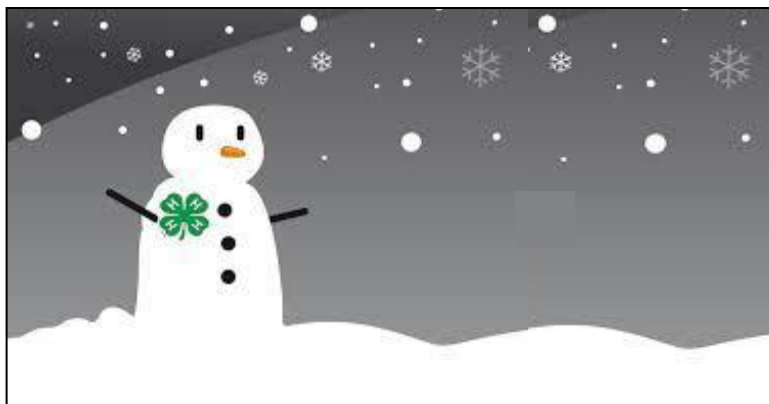
This program is for everyone! For more information on how you can join as an individual or a team visit our website <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h/4-h-projects-opportunities/4-h-opportunities/4-h-move-across-missouri>

Registration and participation begins February 1 and ends April 30.



Club Corner

Hey Club Reporters! Don't forget to send your club reports to Jan Brown at brownjh@missouri.edu.



Support our funding – brick by brick

Brick by brick we continue to extend the pathway that meanders through the on-site demonstration gardens. It has become a place for all to enjoy the peacefulness and awe-inspiring beauty of nature. A brick with your name or the name of someone to remember extends the path one brick at a time. Your generosity will support the funding of all programs at MU Extension in St. Charles County. Together we can make a difference. [Online ordering](#)

