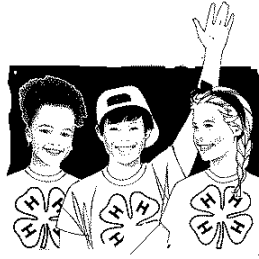


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# Franklin County 4-H News

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## 4-H COUNCIL to ELECT PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

The Franklin County 4-H Council will elect a new President and Secretary at the October 26 meeting. Current officers are Jim Luecke, President, Pam Williams, Vice-President, Terry Luecke, Secretary, and Pat Misuraca, Treasurer. Each officer serves a two-year term.

2009-10 4-H Council Meetings will be held January 25, March 22, May 24, August 23, and October 25. All will be at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

## REGISTER FOR 4-H OFFICER TRAINING

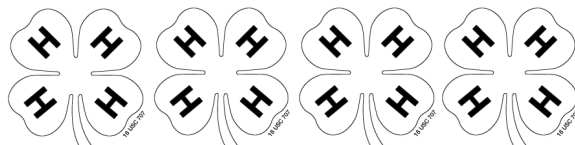
4-H Club Officers and any other 4-H member who is interested should be sure to pre-register by November 6 for the Franklin County 4-H Officer Training workshop. The workshop will be held Thursday, November 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union.

We will eat pizza at 6:00 p.m., and then we will break into officer groups to learn about the tasks and responsibilities of each office.

You must pre-register by November 6 so that we can have enough pizza and soda for everyone. To pre-register, call 636-583-5141 or e-mail [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu). Be sure to tell how many are coming, what office they are interested in, and your favorite pizza topping & soda!

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H PICNIC Saturday, October 10 Robertsville State Park off Hwy. O

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship at the 2009 Franklin County 4-H Picnic at Robertsville State Park. We will begin at 3 p.m. and end with a hay-ride around 8:00 p.m. Bring your own drinks and a picnic side dish or dessert. The county will provide hot dogs, burgers, and brats, and all the makings for smores! Come when you can, leave when you must!



## COUNTY MEMBERS DO WELL IN STATE CONTESTS

Lakota Pappan placed first in the state in the 4-H Senior Horse Demonstration contest held September 12 in Columbia. Lakota will represent Missouri in the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky. Kristy Cox placed 4th in the Junior Division.

Abby Branum also finished first in the state in the Junior Horse Public Speaking contest.

Hannah Smith placed 1st in the Junior Fashion Revue "Clothes You Make Cotton Division".

Spencer Crumbaugh placed first in the Pork Demonstration Contest at the Missouri State Fair.

Sarah Marsch was a quarter finalist in the state Senior Public Speaking contest with her prepared speech and was 2nd overall with her Dramatic Interpretation. Hannah Smith was 2nd in the Junior event.

The Maverick 4-H Horse Bowl team of Chris Kahlenbeck, Kristy Cox, Lakota Pappan and Spencer Crumbaugh placed 6th at the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show in Oklahoma City. Chris and Kristy also placed 6th in the team demonstration event, and they placed 12th & 13th in the Public Speaking Contest.

## LETTERS TO LEADERS REMINDER

Remember that Letters to Leaders entries are due in the Extension Office by November 1. Details about the contest can be found in the August newsletter. If you can't find your copy you can download one from the Franklin County 4-H website.

## BALLOT STUFFING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 29

4-H members and their friends and family are invited to join us as we stuff envelopes for the Extension Council election and eat pizza. Watch the December newsletter for all the details. This is a great chance to meet your 4-H friends and overcome the Christmas Vacation I'm Bored Blues!

## SELECT ST. PAT'S CANDIDATES

Although we won't actually hold our St. Pat's Coronation for several months, clubs may want to select their candidates at their November or December meetings. That will help you to avoid delays that occur if we have bad weather in January and February. The St. Pat's Coronation Ceremony and dance will be Saturday, March 27, 2010.

Each club can have two St. Pat's candidates. It is preferred that a club have one male and one female candidate, but clubs are allowed to have two king or two queen candidates.

Any 4-H member 8 or older by December 31, 2009 can represent your club as a St. Pat's King or Queen candidate. Previous candidates that were not selected as King or Queen can be nominated again.

## CONSERVATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

Eight Charles P. Bell "scholarships" will be awarded to Missouri school classes or youth groups (4-H clubs, project groups) who have ongoing or proposed projects related to natural resource conservation. Projects that involve education and physical involvement in protecting the natural environment will receive preference. These applications are due by January 15, 2010. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or go to the Conservation Federation of Missouri web site for more information:

<http://tiny.cc/bellscholarships>

## CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Two Charles P. Bell Conservation scholarships are available for young people who are currently involved in, or intend to seek a degree in a field of study related to management of natural resources (fish, wildlife, forest, soil, or water management). Applicants must be Missouri residents. Those enrolled in, or planning to attend a Missouri college will be given preference. Deadline for application is January 15, 2010.

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## REMINDER: HUMPHREY CITIZENSHIP AWARDS DUE Nov. 1

Nominations for the Humphrey Citizenship Awards, presented in memory of William Humphrey, are now being accepted. Two awards of a plaque and a \$50 savings bond are presented each year. The Community Service Award is presented to a member who has given of themselves to make their community a better place. The Wildlife Conservation Award is presented to a member who has been active in conserving our natural resources.

Parents, friends, club leaders, and anyone else involved in the 4-H program may nominate a 4-H member for the awards. Please note that you may nominate a member for community service, or conservation efforts they have made even if the effort was not connected to the 4-H program.

Nominations are made by sending a letter to the University of Missouri Extension Center explaining why you believe the member is deserving of the Humphrey Community Service Award or the Humphrey Wildlife Conservation Award.

## LIVESTOCK & CROP PROJECT LOANS

The Missouri Department of Agriculture provides loan guarantees for loans up to \$3000 for 4-H projects. Members age 8 and older can qualify for the loans. Many young people use this program to purchase their project livestock and to establish a credit history. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for details and application forms or go to the Mo. Dept. of Agriculture web site:

<http://tiny.cc/MDAloanapp>

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING SONG SHEETS

Many clubs plan to go caroling as a fun activity or as a community service project. We can provide your club with song sheets for Christmas Caroling. Contact the Extension Center if you would like copies.

## NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR:

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**Distinguished Service Award:** Presented to an adult who is currently involved with the Franklin County 4-H program as a leader or a parent of a currently enrolled 4-H member, and who has provided outstanding service to the club and/or county program.

**Friend of 4-H Award:** Presented to an individual, business, or organization that has provided support by providing facilities, programs, financial, or other support to a Franklin County 4-H Club and/or the county 4-H program.

**4-H Alumni Award:** Presented to a former 4-H member or leader from any county, or a current 4-H volunteer of 10 years or more, and who has provided outstanding contributions to their community and/or the Franklin County 4-H program.

Nomination forms are available from the Franklin County Extension office, or on the Franklin County 4-H web page. A list of past winners is also available on the web page. The deadline for nominations for all awards is November 1.

## MFA SADDLE AWARD

4-H members 14 and older who are enrolled in a 4-H Horsemanship project can apply to win a new saddle provided by MFA. To apply for the MFA Saddle Award a member must complete the Missouri 4-H Recognition Form (available from the Extension office) and the MFA Saddle Essay Questions available from the Extension Center or on our web site:

<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

The forms must be returned by December 20.

## 4-H CALENDAR ENCLOSED

Enclosed with this newsletter is a calendar to indicate when county and state 4-H events usually happen. Watch future newsletters for details and actual dates. You can also stay up to date on county 4-H activities by going to the calendar on the Franklin County 4-H Web page:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4-H/news.shtml>

## FREE SITES TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Parents and students do not have to pay a fee to search for scholarships. There are several free sites:

National sites include:

FastWeb - <http://fastweb.com> is one of the most popular. You can also try:

<http://sfa.missouri.edu/sch-free.php>

<http://www.finaid.org/>

State sites to start your search include:

<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppcindex.shtml>

If you try these sites, please give me feedback on your experience.

## \$500 GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Mo. Department of Agriculture is offering \$500 grants to 4-H Clubs through the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. Application forms are available at the Extension Center and are due December 4, 2009.

You can get the application on line by logging on to:

<http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/boacgrant4h.pdf>

The grants are for community service projects such as improvement to existing facilities, grounds, or buildings, which are used by various groups or organizations in the community. Examples of appropriate projects would be improving meeting places, fairground structures, playgrounds or parks, etc., or making a place handicap accessible. Rules now allow for improvement of school grounds as well. Projects must be completed by September 1, 2010.

The application is not difficult, but it does require some information gathering. Don't wait until the last minute to apply for a grant.

## ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT SCHEDULED

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Our County 4-H Achievement Night is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 7 in Union. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a pot-luck meal, and contests will begin at 7 p.m.

## APPLY FOR PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

4-H members in grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 can apply to be recognized as 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners. Franklin County award winners will have their applications forwarded for state competition. State winners will compete at the national level for \$5000 awards!

The awards seek to recognize young people for their volunteer service that has occurred, at least in part, since September 1, 2008.

Those who wish to apply for the award can complete the application form online at:

<http://www.prudential.com/spirit>

You can also contact the Extension Office to receive a paper application. All applications must be turned into the Extension Office by October 31. One winner and two runners-up will be recognized in the grade 5-8 division and the grade 9-12 division. All will be recognized with certificates on the county level at the 4-H Leaders Recognition Dinner.

## PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL 4-H EXPERIMENT

4-H National Youth Science Day, October 7, will give young people an opportunity to join leading scientists in experimenting with biofuels. Join in the opportunity to explore, learn, and have a blast with the *Biofuel Blast* National Science Experiment.

You can get all the information on how to participate at:

<http://4-h.org/mediabarn/index.php>

Or contact the Extension Center for a hard copy.