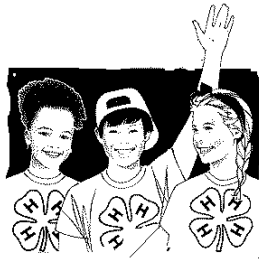


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ST. PAT'S CORONATION RAISES \$14,800

The 2008 St. Pat's 4-H King & Queen Coronation was a great success! King & Queen candidates and 4-H Clubs raised more than \$14,800 to support Franklin County 4-H programs. Amy Engelbrecht, New Haven 4-H Club, was crowned as our 2008 St. Pat's Queen, and Chris Nowak, Krakow 4-H Club, was crowned as King. Amy's supporters raised \$1,391, and Chris's supporters raised \$844.

The First Runner-up king candidate was Dillon Secrest, Spring Bluff 4-H Club, and First Runner-up queen candidate was Brenna Swoboda, Jeffriesburg 4-H Club. \$976 was raised to support Brenna and \$675 was raised to support Dillon. Emma Knickmeyer, Rockford Rebels 4-H and Seth Kloppe, New Haven 4-H Club were Second Runners-up. Emma's supporters raised \$920 and Bryan's' supporters raised \$650. Emma and Spencer Crumbaugh, also of the Rockford Rebels 4-H Club received plaques for raising the most money per club member. All of our candidates represented their clubs well. We can all be proud of the way they handled themselves throughout the evening.

We owe our thanks to several Franklin County teens who worked to plan and coordinate the event. Thanks also to all the 4-H members and adults who helped decorate, and to those who helped "un-decorate". Thanks to Dale Schmuke and the United Bank of Union, the Washington Missourian, Union Middle School, Platt Nursery and Landscaping, Terry Luecke for making corsages and boutonnieres, and Tracy Maupin for making sashes. Thanks also to Robin Hileman and Mary Shaw for their help in the counting room. Finally, thank you for joining us, providing refreshments and fellowship, and sharing your clubs' hard work with your 4-H Council.

4-H CAMP REGISTRATION DUE MAY 1st Late entries accepted until May 15

Remember to get your camp registration in by May 1 to take advantage of the \$55 fee. If you miss that date, you can register until May 15, but the fee will be \$75. Be sure to call Jenny or me if family finances might prevent a kid from coming to camp. Camp forms are available from the Extension Office or on web at:

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

STATE FAIR INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLY ON LINE

The Missouri State Fair will not publish a fair premium catalog (fair book) again this year. Instead, all the information will be available on the Missouri State Fair web site as of May 1. So if you need information, registration forms, etc. - go to: <http://www.mostatefair.com>

POSTER ART CONTEST

We had 34 entries in our Poster Art Contest, and the quality was as good as ever! The posters were entered with the theme "4-H—Building a Better World". It was not easy to select the winning posters from each age group. All of the posters were outstanding!

The winning posters in the Age 8 & 9 Category were 1st: Michael Kleekamp, Krakow 4-H, 2nd: Alicia Ley, Krakow 4-H, and 3rd: Moriah Swoboda, Jeffriesburg 4-H. In the Age 10 & 11 Category the winners were 1st: Anne Piontek, HorseWise 4-H, 2nd: Jamielee Buenemann, Washington Eager Beavers 4-H, and 3rd: Emily Kamler, Spring Bluff 4-H Club.

Mercedes Love, Dry Branch 4-H was first, Lynnette Thiel, Washington Eager Beavers 4-H, was second, and Kristy Cox, Rockford Rebels 4-H was third, in the Age 12 & 13 Category. Winners in the Age 14 & Over Category were 1st: Sarah Marsch, Soaring Eagles 4-H, 2nd: Elizabeth Carlson, Dry Branch 4-H, and 3rd: Cassidy Forbus, Dry Branch 4-H.

MISSOURI QUAIL ACADEMY

The Missouri Quail Academy is a conservation training program for high school students completing their freshmen or sophomore year. Participants undergo extensive training in quail biology, ecology, and the human dimensions of wildlife conservation. Instruction will also be provided in public speaking, leadership, and critical thinking. There is no fee for this program. Applications and more information are available from the Extension Center or at the Missouri Dept. of Conservation web site:

<http://www.qu.org/MOAcademy>

The 2007 Academy will be held June 8-13 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Twenty-five teens will be accepted for the Academy. Applications are due April 15.

MISSOURI QUAIL ACADEMEY PROVIDES FREE GRADUATE HOURS FOR TEACHERS

Five teachers are chosen to serve as Covey Leaders (advisors and assistants) at the Missouri Quail Academy. Covey Leaders not only learn the latest conservation techniques, but also can receive two free graduate credits. Teacher applications are available at the Extension Center or the web site listed above.

AEROSPACE CAMP AT ROLLA

Missouri 4-H has teamed up with the Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolla to offer Aerospace Camp 2008. Young people age 10 to 12 as of July 22, 2008 can attend the camp July 22-24, or July 29-31. Campers will stay in one of the residence halls on the Missouri S&T campus. Fee for the experience is \$180, which includes lodging and meals. For more information call (573) 341-6222, or go to:

http://dce.mst.edu/noncredit/precollege/2008_aerospace_camp.html

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ROBOTICS CAMP AT ROLLA

Missouri S&T also will offer a Robotics Camp June 12-14 and July 29-31. Participants will learn the basic principles of robotics including electronics, sensors, motor and servo control, programming and control techniques. Fee for the camp is \$385. Participants must be age 11-14 as of January 1, 2008. For more information call (573) 341-2222 or go to:

http://dce.mst.edu/noncredit/precollege/2008_robotics.html

SHEEP PRODUCERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Missouri Sheep Producers offer four \$750 scholarships to current or former 4-H members. Applicants must be high school or college students who are Missouri residents or attending a Missouri school. They must have been actively involved in the sheep industry for the past three years. Applications must be completed by May 15. Applications are available from the University of Mo. Extension Center or at:

<http://www.missourisheep.org/youthprograms.htm>

SUMMERS @ MIZZOU

More Camps for Kids

4-H is working with the University of Missouri to provide specialized camping opportunities for high school students. All of the camps will be held June 6-10 at the University of Missouri. Camps include High-Tech Health and Fitness Camp, Scrub-In to a Health Career Camp, Entrepreneurship Camp, Camp Real Life, Spanish Camp, and Camp GEOG. For more information go to:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/summers>

Fair information coming in May!

STATE POULTRY DAY

The Missouri State 4-H Poultry Day will be held Saturday, June 14 at the Animal Sciences Center on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. This is a great opportunity for adults and members to learn more about many aspects of poultry production. Members can participate in a quiz bowl (game show type contest), poultry judging including egg grading, carcass grading, production hen placing and oral reasons, and can even bring a dozen eggs to be judged for a chance to win a trophy! Leaders can participate in a special meeting and preview new resource materials.

Registrations are due May 1 and there is a \$10.00 youth and \$15.00 adult registration fee. More information is available from the Extension Center, or at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/events/livestock/#poultry>

4-H DAIRY CAMP

Missouri 4-H Dairy Camp will be held May 28-30 in Springfield, Mo. 4-H members age 10-18 as of January 1, 2008 are invited to learn more about showing dairy animals at the camp. Cost for the camp is \$80. Registration forms are due April 15, but is open only to the first 40 to register. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for all the details, or go to:

<http://www.extension.missouri.edu/greene/4h/>

RABBIT & POULTRY SEMINAR & SHOW

All 4-H Rabbit and Poultry members are invited to participate in the 4th Annual Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show on Saturday, May 3 at the Clearview Feed and Seed store on Hwy. 47 between Union and St. Clair, Mo. The event is sponsored by the Rockford Rebels 4-H Club. Hank and Amanda Marquart will judge the shows. There is a \$7.00 per person pre-registration fee for registrations postmarked or received by April 15. Registration at the door is \$10.00. There is no charge for adults who attend with their children. Refreshments will be available.

As part of the day's activities, Ken Bolte, Franklin County Extension Agriculture Business Specialist will provide an opportunity for members to complete the Show-Me Quality Assurance program.

Complete information and registration forms are available by contacting Pam Cox Williams at 636-257-8494 or 636-629-6234, or e-mail pam@wbconstruction.com. Forms are also available at:

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

REGISTER FOR ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night will be held Friday, May 2, at the Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union, beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Members should begin planning now to participate in the event. Members receiving blue ribbons at Achievement Night in any event are eligible to participate in the Franklin County 4-H Educational Tour to the Jewel Box and Science Center on July 22. Be sure to pre-register for Achievement Night by April 28. A registration form is enclosed with this letter. Additional forms are available on the Franklin County 4-H web site.

Members who receive blue ribbons in the Demonstration and Illustrated Lecture events are also eligible to participate at the Missouri State Fair. Refer to the flier sent with your March newsletter for more information about Achievement Night (call if you can't find the March newsletter or look on the Franklin County 4-H web page).

The 4-H Council will provide the meat for our meal, so families should plan to bring a dish that can be served cold or at room temperature for the meal. Our goal in having the meal is to keep parents from having to come home from work, prepare a meal, and then come to Achievement Night. Instead we would like you to come home, grab your dish from the refrigerator, load up the kids, and come to Achievement Night.

OPTIMIST PUBLIC SPEAKING RESULTS

Abigail Branum and Sarah Marsch of the Soaring Eagles 4-H Club participated in the Union Optimist Public Speaking Contest. Although neither placed in the contest, they will have the opportunity to represent Franklin County in the State 4-H Junior Public Speaking Contest in September.

MO PORK INSTITUTE

High school students who have an interest in the Pork Industry should consider attending the 2008 Mo. Pork Institute, June 9-11 in Columbia. The "Pig Camp" will include tours, judging, demonstrations, and information on all aspects of the swine industry. On the last day the students will take an exam over what they have learned, and the top two scores will receive a \$500 scholarship to attend the University of Missouri.

There is a \$100 fee to attend the Pork Institute (includes lodging and meals) and only 15 students will be selected to attend. Applications to be a part of the 2008 Institute are due May 1. Application forms are available from the University of Mo. Extension Center, or at:

http://www.mopork.com/Youth_YouthPorkInstitute.asp