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ST. PAT'S CORONATION SCHEDULED

Our annual 4-H Council fund-raiser, the St. Pat's King & Queen Coronation, will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Union Middle School. A map will be included in your March newsletter. We will crown our 2008 king and queen, recognize the poster art contest winners, present county project medals and certificates, and top the evening off with a family dance, including line and circle dances led by Dave Hileman, 4-H Youth Specialist. Plan now to attend our 2008 St. Pat's coronation and dance.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The Junior 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held in conjunction with the Union Optimist Speaking Contest. This cooperative effort provides additional opportunities for our junior speakers. The contest will be held Sunday, February 24, at Union High School beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Speeches must not be less than 4 minutes, or longer than 5 minutes in length. The theme for the contest is "Why me? Why not?" All speeches must begin with that phrase.

The contest is for young people who had not reached their 16th birthday by December 31, 2007.

The Optimists will provide medals for the top speakers, and prizes for all participants. The winner of the contest will have a chance to compete for a \$1500.00 scholarship. In addition, our top two 4-H speakers 13 or younger by Jan. 1, 2008 will have a chance to represent us at the State Public Speaking Contest in September. Please let me know if you are interested and I will send you a registration form.

ON-LINE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION NOW AVAILABLE

All 4-H Volunteers must complete the "Making the Best Better" orientation requirement by January 1, 2009. I encourage parents to complete a session as well. In March we will be offering some face to face opportunities to complete the requirement. However, those who prefer to meet the requirement on-line can do so at any time. Go to the Franklin County web page and follow the simple directions to get to the site. The Franklin County web page is located at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4-H/Forms/Online%20Instructions.pdf>

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION

The next state-wide Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop will be held April 4-6 at Camp Jo-Ota near Macon, Mo. The Franklin County 4-H Council will cover the \$50.00 registration fee for anyone who wishes to be certified to lead a shooting sports project. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for a registration form or log on to:

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

Registration forms are due by March 1.

ADVANCED SHOTGUN NOW AVAILABLE

Skeet will be added to the State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest in the fall of 2008. Those who are currently certified to lead shotgun projects are invited to attend an advanced shotgun training to learn to teach Skeet and Sporting Clays. The training will be held April 5-6 in conjunction with the state shooting sports leader certification. The 4-H Council will pay the \$20 fee for the class.

SULLIVAN FAIR DATES

Hog tagging: March 15, 10 a.m. to noon. Exhibitors may weigh in three pigs and can show two of them, and sell one. Maximum weight at weigh-in is 80 lbs.

Lamb tagging: March 15, 10 a.m. to noon.

All will be held at the Meramec Community Fair Grounds in Sullivan. For more information contact Sue Koch at (573) 627-3359.

WASHINGTON FAIR DATES

Steer Tagging: February 23, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Hog Tagging: April 26, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Lamb Tagging: April 26, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Dairy Tagging: April 26, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Contact the Washington Town and Country Fair at (636) 239-2715 for complete information.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING DATES

The Franklin County 4-H Council will meet March 24, May 27, August 25, October 27. All will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. Each club is encouraged to have a representative at the meeting.

2008 FAIR DATES

June 25-28 Meramec Community Fair, Sullivan

July 9 Franklin County Exhibit Day

July 10-13 Franklin County Youth Fair, Union

July 11-12 New Haven Community Fair

July 30 -Aug. 2 Gasconade County Fair, Owensville

Aug. 6-10 Washington Town and Country Fair

Aug. 7-17 Missouri State Fair - Sedalia

WASHINGTON TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

Washington Town and Country Fair Livestock Scholarship applications are due March 31. Members who are currently in their senior year of high school and have ever exhibited any species of livestock at the Washington Fair can apply for the scholarships. The scholarships may be used toward obtaining a four-year college degree, two-year associate degree, or for a one-year intensive technical program. Applications are available from the Washington Area Chamber of Commerce, (636) 239-2715 or from your school counselor's office.

FARM CREDIT SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

The Farm Credit Services of Missouri offer up to 35 scholarships of \$1000 to eligible Missouri high school seniors. The scholarships are only available to dependents of a Farm Credit Services of Missouri **customer**. Scholarship details and forms are available from the University of Mo. Extension Center, or from a Farm Credit Services office (there is one in Union), or at their web site: <http://www.farmcreditofmissouri.com/>. Deadline is March 1.

FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Franklin County Farm Bureau will again offer college scholarships to high school seniors. Applications are available from the Franklin County University of Mo. Extension Center, high school counselors, or the Franklin County Farm Bureau office (216 S. Church, Union). Call the Franklin County Farm Bureau for additional information at (636) 583-3735. Applications must be completed by April 1.

HOST A JAPANESE TEEN *Applications Due March 1!*

4-H offers opportunities for families to host a Japanese teen, age 12-16, or an adult advisor, for one month during the summer through the 4-H/LABO exchange program. Since we now live in a global world, providing your young people with a person-to-person global and cultural experience is a great way to help them see "how differently we are all the same".

LABO is a Japanese club designed to teach the English language. Each summer several Labo members age 12-16 travel to Missouri to stay with 4-H families for one month so that they can practice what they have learned. We have had several LABO exchange members in Franklin County over the years, including two last year, and all have had very positive experiences.

The delegates all speak some English. I encourage you to consider being a LABO host family. Host families are asked that the delegates have a basic home experience. You are not expected to entertain them or make special arrangements - just include them in your everyday life. Financially you are asked to provide basic room and board and include the delegate in usual social activities. The delegates will bring money for souvenirs and other personal items they wish to purchase while in Missouri. Contact the Extension Center for more information, or for a host family application. The Labo delegates arrive in mid-July and leave in mid-August.

Families can also get more information and forms at: <http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/>

STATE FAIR REQUIRES NOSE PRINTING OF STEERS AND LAMBS

Nose printing of market steers, lambs, and meat goats is required by the Missouri State Fair. Nose prints must be certified by Extension staff and vocational agriculture instructors at a joint nose print session. Beef nose prints are due in the State Fair Office by March 15, 2008 and lambs and meat goats are due June 15, 2008. Legible nose prints will be required for an animal to be eligible to compete in a championship class.

This means that you must let me know very soon if you intend to show market lambs or steers at the Missouri State Fair.

TEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

4-H teens age 13 and older, and their non-4-H friends are invited to join us for the 2008 4-H Teen Extravaganza February 29-March 1 in Ste. Genevieve. See the enclosed flier for all the details.

CONGRATULATIONS TO :

I Dare You Award: Jennifer Beste

Distinguished Service Award: Terry Luecke and Glenda Schroeder

Alumni Award Winners: Kaylin Bade and Linda Saunders

Friend of 4-H Awards: Sullivan Orscheln's and Washington Super 8 Motel

William Humphrey Memorial Community Service Award: Jessica Buenemann

William Humphrey Memorial Wildlife Conservation Award: Tyler Obermark.

Letters to Leaders Winners:

Age 8-9 - Gretchen Engelbrecht to Linda Saunders

Age 10-11 - Chris Kahlenbeck to Pam Cox Williams

Age 12-13 - Leo Becker to Gerry Hellebusch

Age 14+ - Jon Meyer to Rich McDaniel.

And all the other members who wrote a thank you note to a volunteer.

SHARE THE FUN SCHEDULED

Franklin County Share The Fun will be held Saturday, April 19 at the Beaufort Elementary School. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. It might help clubs to be aware that acts do not have to be original, that is, they do not have to be invented or written by club members or leaders. Clubs must let the 4-H Office know if they will have an act by March 1.

REGISTER FOR STATE HIPPOLOGY CONTEST

The state 4-H Hippology Contest will be held Sunday, April 20 in Columbia. Teams and individuals who wish to participate in the contest must contact the Franklin County Extension center by February 20 so that we can get you registered. There is a \$10.00 per member registration fee for the contest.

For more information about the event go to:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu/events/horse/#hippology>

4-H POSTER ART CONTEST

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4-H members should begin now to plan for the 2008 4-H Poster Art contest. To enter members make a poster to illustrate the contest theme. Posters are judged in age categories, and cash prizes are awarded to the top three posters in each age group. Everyone who enters receives a ribbon and all the posters are displayed at the St. Pat's Coronation for everyone to see.

The flier in this newsletter has all the details about the contest. Parents can help their young people brainstorm ideas for the theme, and think through a design. Then get out of the way and let the creativity begin!

Some 4-H Clubs will bring poster board and drawing supplies to a club meeting and let the kids start their posters at the meeting. The same thing could be done by handing out paper and pencils and having the kids sketch out their ideas. Then they can then go home and make their poster.

Club leaders might want to ask a parent to give a short poster making presentation at the January or February meeting. Volunteers can get a copy of "Making Posters from the University of Extension Center. Additional resources for members or parents are available at the following web sites:

<http://spectre.nmsu.edu/fourh/docs/Making%204-H%20Posters.pdf>

http://www.4-h.uiuc.edu/opps/move/0501_poster.pdf

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/4h/4H15900.pdf>

Posters are due in the Franklin County University of Mo. Extension Center by March 7.

ARE YOU A 4-H CENTURY FAMILY?

Application forms available at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/recognition/recognition.htm>

The Missouri 4-H Century Family program recognizes 4-H families with a long history of involvement in the 4-H program. Missouri 4-H families with a combined 100 years or more of membership and/or volunteer leadership in 4-H will be recognized as 4-H Century Family. Five Franklin County families have been recognized as Century Families since 2002.

The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, and grandparents. Aunts, uncles, and cousins may not be considered. Stepparents, stepchildren, and adopted children may be considered. Supporting documents are not necessary (we trust you). Years as a paid 4-H staff member can not be counted.


In the early days of Franklin County 4-H, the program was directly connected to the Farm Bureau and local Extension Homemakers clubs. Years of service to 4-H in these capacities can be included. Years of volunteer service at any level (county, regional, state, etc.) can be included, but do not include the same year more than once. (Example: A county project leader who also served on a state committee to plan State Leaders Forum in the same year can only count the year one time.) Years of 4-H membership or leadership in a state other than Missouri can be included. Years as a Clover Kid or junior member can be counted.

Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for a form if you think your family may qualify as a 4-H Century Family. Applications must be returned by July 4, 2008.

Volunteers can now go online to complete the "Making the Best Better" Volunteer Orientation

All 4-H Volunteers must complete the orientation by January 1, 2009 to continue as recognized volunteers. Only recognized volunteers can serve as project leaders, club leaders, or activity leaders.

There will be face to face orientation meetings you can attend. And later on, you will be able to borrow a DVD and take the training at your home. But for those who prefer to complete the orientation online, or if you just can't make it to a face to face meeting, here is how to access the online training:

1. Open you web browser.
2. log on to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>
3. Click on  Login
4. Enter the username: `_kids`
Enter the password: `volunteer`
5. Select "Yes" when the security message appears.
6. Select "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation"

You must complete all 7 sections, and the Required Quiz. There are also some optional resources that you may find useful.