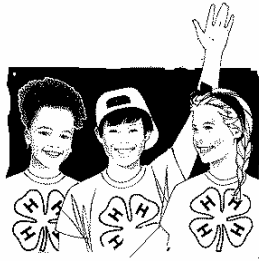


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# Franklin County 4-H News

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## 4-H DAY WITH THE CARDINALS Order Tickets by March 26

**More Seats this year - but still order early!!**

Be sure to order your tickets for 4-H Day With The Cardinals. The day will feature:

- ✓ A pre-game parade around the outfield of the new Busch Stadium - you will actually get to walk on the field!
- ✓ Everyone who purchases a ticket will receive a free t-shirt made special to commemorate the day.
- ✓ Every member who donates to the scholarship raffle on the Ticket Order form will be entered into a drawing to be selected to throw out the first pitch of the game, and members, parents, guests, and alumni can win other great prizes.
- ✓ 12:10 p.m. game time versus the Houston Astros.

A ticket order form is included with this newsletter. You can also pick one up from the University of Missouri Extension Center. We will send a copy to you if you request one by phone, letter, or e-mail. You can also download a form from the Missouri 4-H website:

<http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu>

## COME...COME...COME... TO THE 2007 ST. PAT'S CORONATION & FAMILY DANCE

Our annual St. Pat's Coronation and family dance will be Saturday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Union Middle School Auditorium (see enclosed flier with map). We will crown our 2007 King & Queen, recognize the Poster Art Contest winners, county project medal winners, and the members who represented us in 2006 state contests. Then we will take a short break for refreshments and begin our family folk/circle/square dance.

Dave will lead the circle dances. Don't worry if you have never had any experience with this type of dancing, you will have no problem catching on. **To protect the gym floor, we ask that you wear, or bring, tennis shoes if you plan to dance.** Each family should bring 1 dozen cookies for refreshments. The 4-H Council will provide beverages.

### 4-H COUNCIL TO MEET

The Franklin County 4-H Council will meet on Monday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. We will review St. Pats, hand out Franklin County Youth Fair exhibit tags, and discuss whether we will continue supporting the Washington D.C. trip.

## HELP PLAN ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

4-H parents, volunteers, and teens are invited to help plan Franklin County Achievement Night and the Educational Tour. Those who want to help plan the events should join Jenny Wallach on Monday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. The 4-H Council will meet following the Achievement Night planning meeting. It would be great if we had a representative from each club at the meeting.

## PREPARE FOR ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night will be held Friday, May 4, at Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union, beginning with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. I will include a map in the April newsletter. Members should begin planning now to participate in the event. Those receiving blue ribbons at Achievement Night in any event can participate in the Franklin County 4-H Educational Tour this summer.

Members who receive blue ribbons in the Demonstration and Illustrated Talk events are also eligible to participate at the Missouri State Fair.

To help you prepare, a summary of Achievement Night events is included with this newsletter.

## SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Franklin County Senior 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be held at Franklin County Achievement Night, Friday, May 4 at the Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union (see article above).

The contest is open to any 4-H member age 14 or older as of January 1, 2007. Participants may speak on any topic. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. The top two seniors will represent Franklin County in the state competition in September.

Those who wish to participate in the contest must pre-register on the form we will provide in the April 4-H Newsletter.

## REGIONAL HORSE BOWL RESULTS

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Ten Franklin County 4-H members participated in the Regional Horse Bowl contest on February 17 in Hillsboro.

The Junior Team of Anne Piontek, Cassie Aholt, Olivia Piontek, Devon Hicks, and Anna Tihen was first in the region. The Junior team made up of Chris Kahlenbeck, Spencer Crumbaugh and Kristy Cox placed second. Both teams will go to state to compete. Abby Ruck also participated and will join the second place team when they go to state.

## STATE SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST

The 2007 Missouri State 4-H Shooting Sports contest will be held Saturday, September 15, at the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club located 10 miles east of Columbia. There have been some changes in the contest rules. Information about the state contest, including the 2007 contest rules, is available on the 4-H website at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>

## SHARE THE FUN - APRIL 21

So far we have three acts for our 2007 4-H Share the Fun: Sullivan 4-H Club, Clearview Creators 4-H Club, and Jeffriesburg 4-H Club. Contact the office immediately if your club will participate in the 2007 event.

## RABBIT & POULTRY SEMINAR & SHOW

All 4-H Rabbit and Poultry members are invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Open Youth Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and show on Saturday, April 7 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. Gene and Sue Gillispie will judge the shows. There is a \$5.00 per person pre-registration fee for registrations postmarked or received by March 28. Registration at the door is \$7.00. There is no charge for adults who attend with their children. Refreshments will be available. 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](mailto:pam@wbconstruction.com). Forms are also available at:

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

## **PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION**

Three Pork Quality Assurance certification workshops have been scheduled to help Swine Project members meet the requirement.

March 29: 7-8:30 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

April 24: 7-8:30 p.m. at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

May 12: 9-10:30 a.m. at the Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds, to be followed by a Swine Showing clinic.

## **BEEF SHOW CLINIC**

A Beef showing clinic will be held Saturday, March 31 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds. This would make an excellent project meeting.

## **NOW HIRING CAMP STAFF**

4-H members who are seniors in high school or college age, and adults who love to work with kids can apply to work at 4-H Camp this summer. Camp Staff will work from June 3-June 20. We have paid positions for Head Cook, Kitchen Helpers, Program Director, Camp Assistant, Lifeguards, and Health Aide. Contact Dave if you are interested in working at 4-H Camp.

## **CROMBIE WINS SADDLE**

Congratulations to Kate Crombie of the HorseWise 4-H Club. Kate won the MFA Saddle Award presented each year by MFA to one outstanding Horsemanship Project member.

## **APPLY FOR 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 54 college scholarships with a total value of \$54,300. Franklin County 4-H juniors and seniors will be receiving information about the scholarships. Some scholarships are also available for kids who are already in college, so please make them aware of the opportunities as well. Those who want more information about the Missouri 4-H Foundation Scholarships can go to the Missouri 4-H web site at:

<http://www.4h.missouri.edu/recognition/>

## **COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP**

The Franklin County Cattlemen's Association is offering two \$500 scholarships. To be eligible to apply, students must be in their senior year of high school, and have a beef project or be involved in beef promotion activities. Applicants must plan to work toward a four-year degree, two year associates degree, or a one-year intensive technical program in an accredited institution. Applicants' parents must be residents of Franklin County, current members of the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association, and must have been a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association for two years prior to the application deadline.

Contact a Franklin County Cattlemen's member, or the University of Missouri Extension Center for an application. Application deadline is April 15.

## **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 10-15 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Twenty-five teens will be accepted for the Academy.

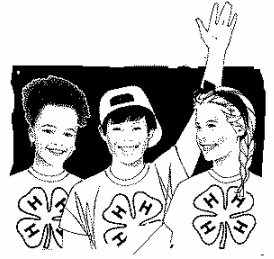
## **MISSOURI QUAIL ACADEMEY PROVIDES FREE GRADUATE HOURS FOR TEACHERS**

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.

## COME TO 4-H CAMP

June 14 - 17, 2007

Camp Derricotte in Cuivre River State Park



Dear 4-H Family,

It is time to sign up for 4-H Camp! Camp will be held June 14-17 at Camp Derricotte in Cuivre River State Park near Troy. All 4-H members 8-14 are encouraged to attend. June 17 is Father's Day, but we will have the campers back in the county by noon on that day! Campers will participate in fun activities including making crafts, exploring hands-on activities, swimming, playing games and singing fun songs, meeting new friends, learning about our environment, and more. All the while campers will be developing social skills and building confidence in their ability to take care of themselves. Add traditional camp ceremonies to the mixture, and you have the perfect recipe for summer fun!

Campers will stay in cabins with other kids about the same age. This allows campers to stay in a cabin with their friends. Daytime activity groups (color groups to experienced campers) will be divided by age as well. That will allow kids to stay with their friends all day, and still meet other kids in the county that share their interests. All of the campers will be together for evening activities, meals, and special programs.

Again this year Franklin County will camp alone. Because we will have extra room we will allow non-4-H members to attend camp. That means your child can invite their best friend or friends who are not in 4-H to come to camp with them.

The Franklin County 4-H Council provides busses to take our members to camp. The busses will leave from, and return to, the Union Middle School parking lot. Departure and return times will be detailed, along with a list of items campers should bring with them, in a follow-up letter closer to camp time. (The bus usually leaves at 12:30 p.m. and returns at noon.) Camp Derricotte facilities include a full size swimming pool and comfortable cabins with showers and restrooms right in the cabin. Campers are supervised by our county 4-H Staff (Jenny Wallach and me), Franklin County 4-H teens, and our camp staff, including a health aide, and two certified lifeguards. The camp fee is \$55 if registration is received or postmarked by May 15, or \$75 if the registration is received or postmarked between May 16 and May 25. After May 25 we can only take a registration if another camper has to cancel.

Enclosed with this letter is a 4-H Camp Health Statement and Parents Consent form. If your young person wishes to attend camp, simply complete the form and return it, along with a check for \$55.00 (made out to "Franklin County Extension Council". I encourage 4-H members to register early. Forms are due by May 15 for the \$55 rate, and May 25 for the \$75 rate. Send your forms today. After the May 25 deadline, we can put you on a waiting list in case an opening occurs. Please register only one child per form. The enclosed forms may be copied. Additional forms are also available from the University of Missouri Extension Center or from the Franklin County web site: <http://www.extension.missouri.edu/franklin>

Please note that special financial arrangements can be made for families sending more than one child, or those who have other financial hardships. Please call me and we will do what we can to assure your child has the opportunity to experience 4-H Camp. Scholarships may also be available for your child's friend who is not a 4-H member. Please do not let the cost determine whether your child comes to camp.

Do not hesitate to call if you have questions about 4-H Camp.

*Equal opportunity is and shall be provided to all participants in Extension programs and activities, and for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam-era veteran. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations or military organizations associated with the armed forces of the United States of America.*

## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Achievement Night activities offer 4-H members an opportunity to show what they have learned in their 4-H projects. By participating in Achievement Night, 4-H members can qualify to present demonstrations at the Missouri State Fair and to participate in the Educational Tour planned by the Achievement Night Committee. To qualify to go on the Educational Tour a member must earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night. Please note that for all events, **no live animals may be used** (sometimes you can substitute a stuffed animal to demonstrate a livestock procedure). Below is a description of Achievement Night events:

**AWARDS:** Each member will receive a ribbon based on the quality of their participation in each event. Top contestants in each event will receive a special rosette ribbon. Those receiving blue ribbons will be invited to participate in the Educational Tour. Those giving demonstrations may qualify to give their demonstration at the Missouri State Fair.

**EXTEMPORANEOUS TALK:** An Extemporaneous Talk is one that you do not prepare for in advance. Members will draw a topic, spend a few minutes deciding what they want to say about the topic, and then give the talk. Talks should be 2-3 minutes in length for members 13 and older, and 1-2 minutes for those 13 and under.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:** In personal development, you have a chance to talk about something you know about...YOU! You can talk about your pets, school, family, hobbies, interests, likes and dislikes, etc. You will start by telling the judge your name and age. Then tell the judge about yourself for 1 minute if you are 10 or younger, or 2 minutes if you are 11 or older. The judge will then ask you some questions about you.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Show and Tell is for first year members only. You show and tell about something you have made or grown in your project. Tell briefly what the item is, and how you made it. You might also tell why you chose the item, and the easiest, and most difficult parts about making it. Keep the object visible at all times. Finish by reviewing what you have told the judge.

**FASHION REVUE:** For members in Clothing, Knitting, and Crochet projects. Members model a garment they have made. The judge looks for modeling skills, poise, posture, accessories chosen to be worn with the garment, how the garment looks on the member, etc. The judge may ask the member some questions about their outfit. The contest is divided into Senior (14 and older) and Junior (13 and younger) divisions. The contest is also divided into sewing, crochet, and knitting divisions. County Fashion Revue winners will represent us at the State Fashion Revue contest.

**FASHION SELECTION:** For members enrolled in Clothing levels 3 or 4. The contest is the same as Fashion Revue except that members model an outfit they have selected instead of one they have made. The garments do not have to be newly purchased. The outfit should fit into one of 5 categories: Sports of Sorts, Temperature Control, Everyday Stuff, Dressing Up, or Work Wear. Call the University of Missouri Extension Center for complete guidelines.

**SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:** Members 14 and older can qualify to represent Franklin County at the State Public Speaking Contest by presenting a speech at Achievement Night. The two top speakers at Achievement Night will earn that honor. Members must prepare and present a speech on the topic of their choice. Speeches must be 5-7 minutes in length. No visual aids are allowed.

**POWERPOINT CONTEST:** Juniors or seniors can prepare a 5-7 minute PowerPoint presentation on any topic. The speech presentation must fit unpacked on a 3.5" diskette or CD the member has made. Presentations will be evaluated based on the delivery of the message, message content, and overall effectiveness of the presentation. A computer and projector will be available. Think of this as an illustrated talk with the PowerPoint as the visuals.

**DEMONSTRATIONS:** A demonstration is showing and telling how to make something, or do something, you have learned in your project. Demonstrations should be 8-10 minutes in length (4-6 minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year members). Posters should be used to show recipes, outline steps in the process, or otherwise help the audience understand what is being done. Those who earn a blue ribbon at Achievement Night can take their demonstrations to the Missouri State Fair.

**Illustrated Talk:** An illustrated Talk is a type of demonstration, but instead of **showing** how something is done, you **tell** about something using illustrations to help the audience understand. For example, a beef member might give a talk on the different breeds of cattle, telling about their strengths and shortcomings. A poster, posters, or large photos of the different breeds could be used to illustrate the talk. Time limits are same as demonstration.

**Team Demonstrations or Talks:** A team of two 4-H members present a demonstration or illustrated talk. Follow the same guidelines for a demonstration or illustrated talk, but coordinate so that each member has a doing/showing and a talking part. Try to plan the presentation so both members have about equal responsibilities.

**SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION CONTESTS:** There are several special demonstration contests open to Missouri 4-H members. Most of the contests are held at the Missouri State Fair in August. Awards range from trips to participate in National Contests to cash prizes. Members may want to consider these when choosing a demonstration topic for Achievement Day. Additional guidelines and information can be found at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair/demoguidelines.htm>

**Egg Demonstration Contest:** Contact the Extension Center for contest rules. Top senior demonstrator will participate in the National Contest in Louisville, KY. Information to help prepare for the contest can be obtained by contacting: Jesse Lyons, UMC Animal Science Extension, S-103 Animal Sciences Center, UMC, Columbia, Mo. 65211; phone (573)882-0247. More information at: <http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/eggprep.html>

**Pork Demonstration Contest:** Must be enrolled in Foods or Swine Project. Demonstration may be on any facet of pork or pork by-products used in food-nutrition, food preservation, crafts, or pork production. Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in three age divisions. Animals may not be used.

**International Foods Demonstration Contest:** Demonstrations must include nutrition information and something about the people who serve the food. A copy of the recipe and a sample of the finished food should be given to the judges. Time limit: 7-10 minutes.

**Agri-Missouri Foods Demonstration Contest:** Demonstration must use a food product produced by a Missouri company, give background on the company, and provide nutrition and preparation information. Three awards will be given in each age category. Time limit: 7-10 minutes. You can get a copy of the Agri-Missouri Buyers' Guide by calling 1-888-MOBRAND or at <http://www.agrimissouri.com>

**Lamb Meat Cooking Demonstration Contest:** Must be enrolled in a sheep or foods project. Demonstration must use lamb meat, give background information, and provide nutritional and preparation information. Members must also provide a copy of the recipe and samples for the judges.

**Sheep Demonstration Contest (non-cooking):** Open to members in any project. Demonstration may be on any facet of lamb industry including food, nutrition, production practices, or by-products.

**Soyfoods Demonstration Contest:** Member can prepare any recipe that involves soyfoods. Must be no less than 5 minutes and no more than 20 minutes. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center for complete details. Call 1-800-MOBEAN-1 or e-mail [mosoy@mosoy.org](mailto:mosoy@mosoy.org) for additional information.

**Specialty Ham Curing Contest:** Demonstration must include use of a ham, provide background and preparation information, and must be at less than 3 minutes in length. Members must be enrolled in a cured hams project.

**Electric Theatre Demonstrations:** Demonstration must use electricity, include information on electricity, or be about a phase of the 4-H Electricity Project. Can be on any subject. For example, a visual arts demonstration on wood burning might include some information on safety involving an electric wood burning tool.

**PowerPoint Presentation**—see previous page for details or go to the website listed above..