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4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

The Franklin County 4-H Council elected Jim Luecke to serve as Council Vice-President and Terry Luecke was elected to continue as Council Secretary at the October 24 4-H Council meeting. Each will serve a two-year term. The Council President is Lisa Mayer and the Treasurer is Pat Misuraca. Lisa and Pat each have one more year on their term.

2005-06 4-H Council Meetings will be held January 23, March 27, May 22, August 28, and October 23. All will be at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

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 simply 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.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING

The Franklin County 4-H Officer Training workshop will be held Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. to noon at Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union. 4-H Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, Historians, and Song and Game Leaders will learn more about how to perform their duties at the workshop. Parents of the officers are also encouraged to attend so that they can better support their young person. Clark-Vitt Elementary school is located on the hill overlooking the Franklin County Youth Fair grounds. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center if you need a map to the school.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS

State 4-H Teen Conference Ages 12-13

4-H members who will be age 12 or 13 by January 1, 2005, can participate in State 4-H Teen Conference. The trip will be held January 28-29 in Columbia. The trip is a great introduction to state-wide leadership conferences and provides a chance for young 4-H teens to get better acquainted with other teens in the county, and meet some new friends from across the state. Members will be getting a letter in the near future telling them how to apply. The 4-H Council provides 10 full scholarships for the trip.

Citizenship Washington Focus Age 15 and older

Spend a week in Washington D.C. touring, and experiencing leadership and citizenship opportunities with 4-H teens from across the state. You will leave from St. Louis on June 2 and arrive back in St. Louis on June 13. You will stay at the National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Md., just outside of Washington D.C. The trip will also include tours of the battlefield at Gettysburg, Colonial Williamsburg, and Monticello.

The cost for the trip is \$1200.00. The 4-H Council will provide scholarships of \$1000 each for three delegates.

Kansas City 4-H Global Conference Ages 15 and older

Older teens will find the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference to be one of the most rewarding 4-H experiences. The conference will be held March 8-11 in Kansas City. The conference is available for first or second time participants who will be age 15 or older by January 1, 2006. The conference features tours to businesses and agencies, workshops showcasing a variety of careers, service learning opportunities, and cultural events. Group events include dances and other programs with participants from all over Missouri, and from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, and Oklahoma. Missouri delegates will be treated to a night out at a dinner theatre featuring the play "Say Goodnight Gracie". The 4-H Council provides four full scholarships for the trip.

COUNTY HORSE COMMITTEE TO MEET ²

All horsemanship members, leaders, and teens are invited to join us for the next Horse Committee meeting, Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. in Room 3 in the basement of the Union Memorial Auditorium. We will review the 2005 Horse Show and begin planning for Horse Bowl, Hippology, and other county and state 4-H Horse programs.

TEENS CAN PROVIDE LEADERSHIP BEYOND THE CLUB

4-H teens are invited to apply to become a county representative for the Regional 4-H Teen Council. The Regional Teen Council is made up of two teens from every county in the East Central Region. The council meets one time each month on a Sunday afternoon and many of the meetings are held in Union. Dave is one of the Teen Council Advisors and can usually provide a ride when meetings are held outside the county. The Teen Council plans the Teen Dance, the Teen Lock-in, and the Regional Teen Retreat.

Teens who will be 14 or older by January 1, 2006 can apply to be the Franklin County Representatives on the Teen Council. To apply, send a letter addressed to the Franklin County 4-H Council explaining why you want to serve on the Regional Teen Council, and what you feel qualifies you to represent Franklin County. Send the letter to the Franklin County University of Missouri Extension center by November 15.

TRY OUT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL 4-H SHOTGUN COMPETITION

Missouri 4-H members in a Shotgun project can try out to make the state team that will compete in the Shooting Sports National match to be held June 26-30 in Rapid City, South Dakota. The state will hold six qualifying matches and members interested must compete in at least three.

Contact the Extension Center for all the details or go to <http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu> Click on "Events", then on "Shooting Sports".

DO YOU HAVE THE WRONG CAMERA CASE?

If you picked up the wrong video camera case at the St. Pats Coronation last March, please call us.

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 25, 2006.

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 January 1, 2006 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.

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 University of Missouri Extension Center or on our web site: <http://www.muextension.missouri.edu/franklin>

The forms must be returned by January 6.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING SONG SHEETS

We can provide your club with song sheets for Christmas Caroling. Contact the U. of Mo. Extension Center if you would like copies.

SHARE THE FUN SCHEDULED

The Franklin County Share The Fun skit competition will be held Saturday, April 22 at the Beaufort Elementary School. Clubs will need to register by March 1.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

We have had many project leaders who are willing to accept a few members from other clubs into their project group. If your child is interested in a project area, but your club has not been able to locate a leader, please contact Jenny or me and we will see if there is a leader in the county who has room for you. Please be aware that those leading county-wide projects will usually expect you to come to them.

We have had leaders willing to accept members from other clubs in the following projects: Woodworking, Swine, Shotgun, Horsemanship, Ceramics, Cats, Games/Sports/Music, Miniature Rose, Financial Champions, Arts and Crafts, and Cake Decorating.

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 also due by January 15, 2006. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or go to the Conservation Federation of Missouri web site for more information:

<http://www.confedmo.org/about/scholarships.html>

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, 2006. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or go to the Conservation Federation of Missouri web site for more information:

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COUNTY MEMBERS DO WELL IN STATE CONTESTS

Nineteen county 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports contests held Saturday, September 17 at the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club near Columbia. Chris McDaniel placed second in the state in the Senior Archery Fingers event. The Youth Compound Release Archery team of Tyler Nelson, Alex Meyer, Taylor Covington, and Colton Koch also place second in the state. Tyler was also fourth high individual. Jordan Hesemann was the third high individual in the Junior Archery Fingers division. Jordan also placed 9th in the Junior Traditional Archery contest.

Other Youth Archery Contest participants were Dylan Fries and Tyree Austin. Other Junior Archery contestants were A-Kay Meyer and Sam Hellebusch. Seniors participating were Tim Guerrant, Christina Groner, and Mark Strubberg.

Flint Koch had the third highest score in the Junior Trap event. Sam Hellebusch and Jared Brautigam also competed in the event. Nathan Roetheli participated in the Senior trap event.

Trina Stumpe was 16th high individual in the Junior Livestock Judging Contest. Katie Wells, Augustus Knickmeyer, and Shelby Enke were other members on the Junior team that finished 12th.

The Senior Livestock Judging team of Katie Maupin, Josh Billington, Luke Wells, and Tyler Stumpe placed 4th in the state. Katie was third high individual

Danette Stumpe participated in the State Public Speaking contest, and Haley DeCarlo participated in State Fashion Revue.

Congratulations to all the 4-H members, volunteers, and parents, who took the time to represent Franklin County 4-H so well.

VOLUNTEERS CERTIFIED TO LEAD SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS

Six volunteer leaders became certified to lead a shooting sports project at the fall certification workshop held October 7-9 at Fort Leonard Wood. Gary Valeu, Rhonda Mueller, Robert Frey, and Dale Piofcyk were certified as Archery Project Leaders. Kurt Knickmeyer and Allen Marrocco were certified to lead Rifle Projects.

LIVESTOCK 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.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY TO BE HELD IN MAY

The 2006 Franklin County 4-H Achievement Day will again be held in May this year. Due to the difficulty of finding a location in the summer months, the 4-H Council decided to try an earlier date. So mark your calendars now for Franklin County Achievement Day, Friday, May 5 in Union.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Franklin County Fair Board is looking for people interested in helping to plan and conduct the event. The Fair is our county 4-H Fair, and this is a great opportunity to become involved in the event. The board meets in Union at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Franklin County Fair board, or just in helping out to set up and run the fair, call Dave at (636) 583-5141. The fair will be held July 6-9, 2006.

BALLOT STUFFING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 27

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!