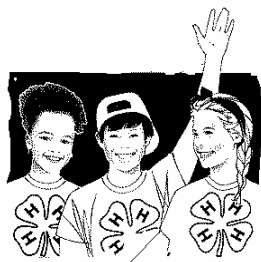


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4-H COUNCIL to ELECT PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

The Franklin County 4-H Council will elect a new President and Secretary at the October 22 meeting. Current officers are Jim Luecke, President, Heather Frey, Vice-President, Terry Luecke, Secretary, and Pat Misuraca, Treasurer. Each officer serves a two-year term.

2007-08 4-H Council Meetings will be held January 28, March 24, May 27, August 25, and October 27. All will be at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING RESCHEDULED Pre-register by October 26

The Franklin County 4-H Officer Training workshop will be held Tuesday, October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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. And 4-H members who are not currently officers, but would like to learn more about being an officer are also invited. Clark-Vitt Elementary school is located on the hill overlooking the Franklin County Fair grounds. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center if you need a map to the school.

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 October 26 so that we can have enough pizza and soda for everyone. To pre-register, call 636-583-5141 or e-mail hilemand@missouri.edu. Be sure to tell how many are coming, what office they are interested in, and your favorite pizza topping!

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>

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.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR:

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.

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. The state will hold six qualifying matches and members interested must compete in at least three. The matches are scheduled for October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, December 16, and January 6. Registration for all matches begins at 9:30 a.m., and the shooting begins at 10:00 a.m. You must pre-register by the Monday before the match.

Contact the Extension Center for all the details or go to the Missouri 4-H website. Click on "Events", then on "Shooting Sports".

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 or go to the Mo. Dept. of Agriculture web site:

<http://www.mda.mo.gov/PubsAps/Financial.htm>

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!

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.

COUNTY MEMBERS DO WELL IN STATE CONTESTS

Courtney Aholt placed first in the state in the 4-H Horse Public Speaking contest held September 8 in Columbia. Courtney will represent Missouri in the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

Lakota Pappan also finished first in the state in the Junior Horse Demonstration contest.

The Franklin County Junior Livestock Judging team of Jacob Wells, Stephanie Holdmeyer, Andi Placht, and Katie Wells finished 5th in the state.

The Senior Livestock Judging team placed 11th in the state. Team members were Emily Bardot, Tyler Stumpe, Trina Stumpe, and Luke Wells.

Twenty-seven county 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports contests held Saturday, September 15 at the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club near Columbia. Five of the members placed in the top 10 in the state. Ethan Brandt placed third in the state in the Youth Archery Compound/Fingers event and Kyle Dunda placed third in Senior Archery Compound Release. Sam Gildehaus finished 10th in the Junior Archery Compound Fingers event. Jordan Hesemann was 8th in the Senior Archery Compound Fingers event and A-Kay Meyer placed 9th in the Senior Archery Traditional contest.

Kyle Dunda placed second in the Senior Muzzleloading event.

Other Archery Contest participants were Daniel Cartwright, William Tihen, Ollie Gildehaus, Kyle Ruediger, Jeremy Morin, Taylor Covington, Cole Lensing, Jacob Ransom, Collin Henthorn, Erick Wideman, Alan Thompson, Benjamin Tihen, Wesley Henthorn, Alex Meyer, Tyler Nelson, Austin Tyree, and Korey Ransom.

The trap shooters did not fare as well as none of them placed in the top ten. Shotgun participants were Sam Hellebusch, Benjamin Tihen, Nicholas Savu, Jacob Riegel, Matt Kassebaum, and Andrew Kassebaum.

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 22, 2008.

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, 2008 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.

SHARE THE FUN SCHEDULED

The Franklin County Share The Fun skit competition will be held Saturday, April 19 at the Beaufort Elementary School. Clubs will need to register by March 1.

4-H LEADER RECOGNITION DINNER JANUARY 19, 2008

New and returning 4-H volunteers should save Saturday evening, January 19 on your calendars now for the Franklin County 4-H Leader Recognition dinner. We will present leader recognition cards and medals, announce Letters to Leaders winners, and recognize outstanding supporters of Franklin County 4-H. Invitations will be sent in late December or early January.

PROJECT LEADER WORKSHOP January 19, 2008

New 4-H project leaders are invited to attend a Project Leader Workshop to be held just before the Leader Recognition Dinner. We will answer common questions such as how many meetings should I have, how do I schedule meetings, what resources are available to help me, etc. Come for the workshop and stay for the dinner!

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, 2008. 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, 2008. Contact the University of Missouri Extension Center or go to the Conservation Federation of Missouri web site for more information:

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FREE WEB 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/scholarships/other.phtml>

<http://www.mapping-your-future.org/features/schrlshp.htm>

State sites to start your search include:

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

<http://www.mohela.com/>

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT SCHEDULED

Franklin County 4-H Achievement Night is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 2, at the Four Rivers Career Center in Washington. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a pot-luck meal, and contests will begin at 7:00 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 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners. Franklin County award winners will have their applications forwarded for state competition, and state winners will compete at the national level for \$5000 awards!

The awards seek to recognize young people for their volunteer service. The volunteer service must have occurred, at least in part, since September 1, 2006.

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 on January 19.

SCHROEDER NAMED TO JUNIOR OLYMPIC TEAM

Stacey Schroeder of the Go Hog Wild 4-H Club won a spot on the United States Junior Olympic Team by placing first in the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) bunker competition held September 15- 17 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Stacey discovered her love of shooting as a member of a 4-H Shooting Sports project. She was invited to participate in the event in Colorado after placing first in the female division at the Missouri State Junior Olympics competition held in Pacific, Missouri during the month of July. We are proud of you, Stacey.

MORE COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

Wood Carving - Led by Dennis Fischer. Members will learn to use carving tools and to properly sharpen knives. Members will meet 4 times at Mr. Fischer's home on Hwy. V., and they will make two small projects. Members should be at least 11 years old. Call Mr. Fischer at 636) 583-2041.

Woodworking Units 1-4 - Led by Terry Meyer. Meetings will begin in February at Mr. Meyer's home on Hwy. Y. Plans are to hold 6 meetings. Members will learn safe use of wood tools to build one project. Call Mr. Meyer at (573) 237-2750.

Horsemanship - Linda Saunders will again lead a county-wide Horsemanship Project. The project group will meet at the Union Saddle Club building. Plans are to hold 15-20 meetings, many of which will be riding meetings. Members will learn horse judging, parts of the horse, breeds, western riding, showmanship, trail riding, basic health care, and trailering safety. Parents will need to be present at weekly riding meetings held each Monday from May to September. Families must provide their own horse and are responsible for getting the horse to the riding meetings. Call Linda at 636-239-5224.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Spencer and Paige Crumbaugh and Chris Kahlenbeck for their participation in the Showmaster Feeds Online Livestock Judging Contest. They judged several classes of cattle, hogs, goats and sheep (all online). Chris placed 8th in the age 11-13 contest!

Also congratulations to Chris for placing first in the age 11-13 Pork Demonstration contest at the Missouri State Fair.

...Katie Maupin for receiving a \$1,000 Orscheln 4-H Scholarship.

...Kyle Dunda for placing as 9th overall individual, and for being a member of the first place Missouri team in the Muzzleloading event at the 4-H National Invitational Shooting Sports match.

LEARN TO LEAD ROBOTICS PROJECT

Adults and older teens who might be interested in leading a 4-H Robotics project are invited to a one day leader training on Saturday, October 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The training will take place at five regional sites. Some will find the site at the Mineral Area Telecommunications Resource Center in Park Hills closer, and some of you may find the site in Columbia to be more convenient. Directions to the sites can be found at:

Park Hills - Mineral Area TCRC:

<http://telecenter.missouri.edu/parkhills/location>

Columbia - 838 Clark Hall

<http://map.missouri.edu/>

There is no charge for the training which will include:

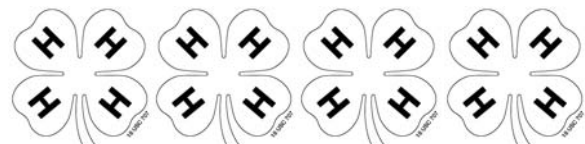
An overview of the 4-H Robotics program, curriculum, and resources available. Information on acquiring and managing robot building kits, lesson plans and group meeting resources. Of course, there will be hands on exercises with robotic kits. And finally, the session will include a discussion of how to organize local and county fair robotics contests and on going leader support.

To register, e-mail your name, address, city, phone number, e-mail address, county, and site you plan to attend to lemmonc@missouri.edu

Also, please let me know if you attend the training by e-mailing hilemand@missouri.edu

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.



ANNOUNCING "MY 4-H Net"

Attention Franklin County 4-H Teens! Your peers on the Missouri State 4-H Council are pleased to announce a new initiative called the Missouri Youth 4-H Network (MY 4-H Net). We live in a high-tech world of fast information, but too many times we still have to rely on old-fashioned methods to get the word out about 4-H activities, events, and opportunities. Teens who become MY 4-H Net members will serve as a "rapid action team" to help us get the word out about county and state opportunities through e-mail or text messaging.



The network is made up of four parts: First, an Officer or State Representative from the State 4-H Council is assigned to be a team leader in the East Central Region. Second, an East Central Regional Representative has been assigned to Franklin County. Third, and the most exciting part of MY 4-H Net is a Franklin County 4-H teen who will serve as the Council Youth Liaison. The fourth is made up of other Franklin County teens who provide e-mail addresses or cell phone numbers to the County Youth Liaison. The East Central Region's team leader is Jacob Miller and our Regional Rep is Jen Williams. **Could the Council Youth Liaison be YOU?** Read on for more details.

NEW TEEN LEADERSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE!

Are you one of those teens who is always calling, texting, or e-mailing your friends? As part of the State 4-H Council's new "MY 4-H Net" initiative, Franklin County is seeking a 4-H teen who would like to serve as the county's "Council Youth Liaison." This Council Youth Liaison, or CYL, will have a number of important leadership responsibilities between now and June of 2008!

The CYL has three major responsibilities. The first is to help the County 4-H staff to identify the top issues and concerns of Franklin County 4-H teens. The second is to be the county contact for the State 4-H Council. You will communicate regularly with State 4-H Council Regional Representatives and help get the word out about county and State 4-H Council activities that affect County 4-H'ers. The third is to work with Jenny and me to build a "rapid action team" communication list of Franklin County 4-H'ers who want the latest 4-H information *fast*. This will be a list of e-mail and cell phone numbers so that you can send a group e-mail or text message whenever information needs to get out fast.

Qualified Council Youth Liaison applicants are 14-17 years old by January 1, 2008. They are organized, outgoing, and involved in their 4-H club and the county 4-H program. They have good interpersonal communication skills. They should also be very comfortable with e-mail, the Internet and text messaging. They must have access to the Internet and have a cell phone. If you are interested, e-mail Dave Hileman, 4-H Youth Specialist at hilemand@missouri.edu by October 19. I hope you will want to be considered for this exciting leadership role.