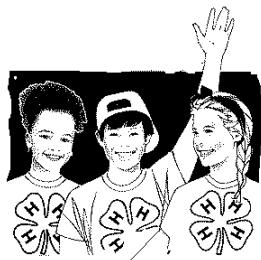


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4-H COUNCIL to ELECT Vice-PRESIDENT & TREASURER

The Franklin County 4-H Council will elect a new Vice-President and Treasurer at the October 27 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.

2008-09 4-H Council Meetings will be held January 26, March 23, May 26, August 24, and October 26. All will be at the Scenic Regional Library in Union.

4-H OFFICER TRAINING RESCHEDULED Pre-register by November 21

The Franklin County 4-H Officer Training workshop will be held Tuesday, December 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Clark-Vitt Elementary School in Union. 4-H Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, Historians, Photographers, 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 Youth 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 November 21 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 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 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 19, November 9, December 7, and January 4. 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 & CROP 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/masbda/crop.htm>

BALLOT STUFFING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 30

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 Senior Horse Demonstration contest held September 6 in Columbia. Courtney will represent Missouri in the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky.

Chris Kahlenbeck 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 Emma Knickmeyer finished 9th in the state. Jacob led the team as the 17th best individual

The Senior Livestock Judging team placed 4th in the state. Team members were Emily Bardot, Tyler Stumpe, Trina Stumpe, and Luke Wells. Emily was 6th highest individual and Luke was 14th.

Kristy Cox placed 2nd in the Junior Fashion Revue "Clothes You Buy" division.

Kristy also place first in her age division in the Missouri State Fair 4-H Pork Demonstration contest.

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 28, 2009.

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 December 31, 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.

SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST RESULTS

Twenty-six county 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports contests held Saturday, September 20 at the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club near Columbia.

The Junior Compound Release Archery team of Erick Wideman, Joshua Wilson, Dillon Secrest and Taylor Mun placed second. Jordan Hesemann was 2nd in the Senior Archery Compound Fingers event and 5th in the Senior Traditional event. Kristen McGee was 2nd and Robbie Frey was 5th in the Youth Compound Fingers event.

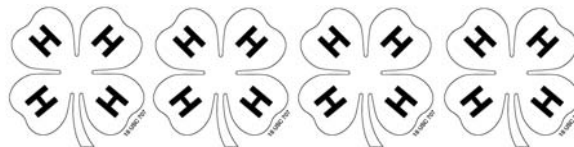
Other Archery Contest participants were William Tihen, Austin Pelton, Austin Tyree, Taylor Randolph, Tyler Nelson, Alan Thompson, Korey Ransom, Brian Glenn, Elizabeth Frey, Benjamin Tihen, Scott Tweedy, Jeremy Morin, Garret Schmidt, and Jacob Ransom.

The skeet and trap shooters did not fare as well as none of them placed in the top ten. Shotgun participants were Stacey Schroeder, Benjamin Tihen, Taylor Randolph, and Austin Tyree.

We had our largest group of .22 Rifle participants this year. None placed in the top 10, but they all learned a lot to help them with the 2009 contest. Rifle contest participants were Cole Schertler, Jacob Beckett, Dillon Secrest, Lane Schmidt, Garret Schmidt, and Dalton Secrest.

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.



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, 2009. 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, 2009. 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/>

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 8 in Union. 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 2008 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, 2007.

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.

STAATS & MAFF SCHOLARSHIPS

STAATS Awards and Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals is offering a \$1000 college scholarship. Students who are currently seniors in high school, and have a 2.5 GPA are eligible to apply. The application must be sponsored by a MAFF fair board member. The Franklin County Youth Fair, Meramec Community Fair, and Washington Town and Country Fair are all MAFF members.

Applications are available from the Franklin County Extension Center. Applications are due December 1.

MORE COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

Crochet Project: Maryellen Davis is looking for up to 10 members age 8-18 to learn how to crochet. The meetings will be at her home in Union. Call Maryellen at 636-583-8437.

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, basic health care, trailering, grooming, and 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. A parent must be present at all riding meetings. Call Linda at 636-239-5224.

GPS Project: 4-Hers who would like to learn to use a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) unit to find their exact location on the earth wherever they are should join this project. Roger Davis and Les Kemp will teach basic use of GPS by leading the group in fun activities. To join the project call Roger Davis at 636-583-8437.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Remember that all volunteers must complete the *Making the Best Better Volunteer Orientation* by January 1, 2009. We have had several face to face training opportunities, and a few more are scheduled. The next opportunity for most of you will be in Washington at the Immanuel Lutheran School, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. on October 20.

Additional sessions will be set up in November, but dates and locations are not final at this time. Volunteers can check the Franklin County 4-H Calendar to find additional dates as they become final. You will find it on our web page at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4-H/news.shtml>

Remember that there are other options for those who cannot make a face to face training. You can take the web based training by going to:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4-H/main.shtml>

Then click on "Volunteer Online Orientation"

Volunteers and parents can also request a CD from the Extension Office. Put the CD in your home computer, then take the test online or request a printed copy from the Extension Office. This is a great option if you have dial up internet.

Another option is a written version of the Orientation. A volunteer or parent reads the information and then takes the test online or requests a printed copy of the test from the Extension Center.

