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## **2010 COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The 4-H Council makes decisions that affect every 4-H family. Please make sure your club is represented at these meetings. Council meetings in 2010 will be March 22, May 24, August 23, and October 25. The meetings will be held at the Scenic Regional Library in Union. Meetings usually begin at 7:00 p.m.

## **SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP**

The next state-wide Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshop will be held March 26-28, 2010 at Camp Jo-Ota near Macon, Mo. The Franklin County 4-H Council will cover the 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.

## **2010 FAIR DATES**

June 23-26 Meramec Community Fair, Sullivan  
July 7 Franklin County Youth Fair Exhibit Day  
July 8-11 Franklin County Youth Fair, Union  
July 16-17 New Haven Community Youth Fair  
July 28 -31 Gasconade County Fair, Owensville  
Aug. 4-8 Washington Town and Country Fair  
Aug. 12-23 Missouri State Fair - Sedalia

## **TEEN EXTRAVAGANZA**

4-H teens age 13 and older, and their non-4-H friends are invited to join us for the 2010 East Central Region 4-H Teen Extravaganza February 26-27 in Ste. Genevieve. See the enclosed flier for all the details.

## **NEW LOCATION FOR ONLINE MAKING THE BEST BETTER VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**

The location of the 4-H Volunteer Orientation online course has been moved to the Missouri 4-H website. Volunteers who have not yet completed the orientation can do so online at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/volunteerorientation/index.html>

### MERAMEC COMMUNITY FAIR LIVESTOCK DATES

Hog tagging: March 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Lamb tagging: March 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Exhibitors may weigh in three animals and can show two of them, and sell one.

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

### WASHINGTON TOWN & COUNTRY LIVESTOCK DATES

Steer tagging: February 20, 7-10 a.m.  
Hog, Lamb, Dairy tagging: April 24, 7-10 a.m.

Exhibitors can tag 2 animals and show one.

All will be held at the Washington Town & Country Fair grounds in Washington. For additional information contact the Washington Chamber of Commerce at 636-239-2715.

### 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 will 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 Missouri Extension Center, or from a Farm Credit Services office (there is one in Union), or at their web site:

<http://tinyurl.com/farm-credit-scholarship/>

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 Missouri 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.

### COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Franklin County Cattlemen's Association is offering \$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.

### HORSE JUDGING CLINIC AND PRACTICE JUDGING CONTEST

4-H members interested in learning more about Horse Judging are invited to attend a clinic at William Woods University on Saturday, February 13. The clinic will include Judging Halter Workshop, Judging Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle, Oral Reasons, and will conclude with an opportunity to practice what you learned in the morning. The workshop organizers would appreciate it if you would send an e-mail RSVP to [jennie.petterson@williamwoods.edu](mailto:jennie.petterson@williamwoods.edu) if you plan to participate.

### SHARE THE FUN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE TALENT SHOW

The 4-H Council has decided to expand our 4-H Share the Fun skit competition to include an opportunity for members to share their individual talents. [See the enclosed flier for details.](#)

## 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 a host family application. The Japanese delegates arrive in mid-July and leave in mid-August.

More information and forms are available at:  
<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/programs/globaled/>

## AIR PISTOL POSTAL MATCH

4-H members enrolled in the pistol project are invited to participate in the Missouri 4-H Air Pistol Postal Match. Members shoot near their home under the supervision of a 4-H Certified Pistol Leader, and then mail in their targets for scoring.

The contest consists of four rounds:

- ◆ January 28-February 11
- ◆ February 12-February 25
- ◆ February 26-March 11
- ◆ March 12-March 25

The best total score from all four matches will be used to determine prizes. For rules and more information go to:

<http://tiny.cc/AirPistolPostalMatch>

## SHOW-ME QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

4-H members with a beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit, dairy, or bucket calf project must have a valid Show-Me Quality Assurance certification to show in fairs this summer. Below are scheduled opportunities to meet the requirement.

February 15: 7-9 p.m., Conference Room 3, Union Memorial Auditorium (City Hall)

March 3: 7-9 p.m., New Sullivan Fire House on Hwy. AF off of the North Service Road.

March 18: 7-9 p.m., Campbellton School on Hwy. 185.

April 17: Noon-1 p.m. Clearview Feed and Seed, Hwy. 47 between Union and St. Clair as part of the Rabbit and Poultry Seminar and Show.

April 20: 7-9 p.m. , Conference Room 3, Union Memorial Auditorium (City Hall)

May 1: 9-10:30 a.m., Washington Town and Country Fair Grounds. Swine show clinic will follow.

## YOUTH LIVESTOCK GRADING AND JUDGING WORKSHOP AND CONTEST

Be sure to pre-register by February 19 to participate in the Livestock Grading and Judging Contest or workshop. The event will be held Saturday, March 13 at the Trowbridge Livestock Center on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. Registration for the event is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The contest and the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Members can participate as a team or as individuals but all must be accompanied by an adult. The contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members. The workshop is limited to those who are in the 9th grade or lower, and only 8 members from a particular 4-H Club or FFA Chapter can participate.

Pre-registration forms and additional information can be found on the Missouri Department of Agriculture website at:

<http://mda.mo.gov/connect/youth/livestockgrading.php>

## 4-H POSTER ART CONTEST

Posters are due in the Franklin County University of Mo. Extension Center by March 5.

4-H members should begin now to plan for the 2010 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.

For details about the contest see the enclosed flier.

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 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 Missouri 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://my.extension.uiuc.edu/documents/8092403090309/0501\\_poster.pdf](http://my.extension.uiuc.edu/documents/8092403090309/0501_poster.pdf)

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

### ARE YOU A 4-H CENTURY FAMILY?

Application forms available at:

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

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 a 4-H Century Family. Six Franklin County families have been recognized as Century Families since 2002.



The 100 years may include direct-line family members such as parents, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren. 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 cannot be counted.

In the early days of Franklin County 4-H, the program was directly connected to the Farm Bureau and local Extension Homemaker 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 1, 2010.