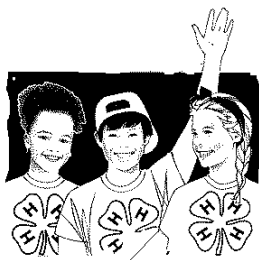


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**Important!!**  
**See information regarding**  
**4-H correspondence at end**  
**of newsletter!**

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Dave Hileman".

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## ON LINE ENROLLMENT OPENS OCTOBER 1 Let's Get Everyone Enrolled by Thanksgiving

Families can log in to their family 4-H Online account and re-enroll beginning October 1. For those already in the 4-H Online system, you will just need to check the information and make sure it is accurate for the new 4-H year.

### Enrollment Fee Payment for 2018-19

We again encourage you to pay the \$20.00 enrollment fee with a credit or debit card. If you choose to pay by cash or check, you will make the payment directly to the Franklin County Extension Council.

I have developed **instructions for re-enrollment and how to pay fees through 4-H online**. The instructions can be found at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/franklin/4h.aspx>.

Paying by credit card the first time is a little tricky in the 4-H Online system. The payment instructions should help you if this is the first time you are trying to pay by credit card.

**Important: Be sure the credit/debit card in your 4-H Online account is still active!** If your card has been replaced since the last time you enrolled, you will need to enter the new card!

### Why Pay Enrollment Fees with a Credit Card?

Members who are not in "active" status for the new 4-H year may miss out on some 4-H opportunities. If you pay by credit card there is a two step process to becoming active:

- 1: you complete the online enrollment and hit the submit button.
- 2: county 4-H staff members review your enrollment and if it is correct, we hit the "approved" button. Your enrollment goes through the system and assuming everything is OK with the credit card your member is active in a few minutes.

If you choose to pay with cash or check, we can move your member(s) to active status as soon as we get the payment in the Franklin County Extension Office. So there is not as great a delay in becoming active if you pay by cash or check, but you do have to wait until we receive the payment in person or through the mail.

### IMPORTANT! HELP WITH ENROLLMENT FEES

It is our policy to never let the family budget determine if a young person joins our 4-H program. If this is an issue for your family, please contact your Club Leader or Dave or Jenny so we can provide any help needed for 4-H enrollment.

### 4-H Letters to Leaders Contest Thank your leader and win a prize!!

4-H members can thank their 4-H leaders and win cash prizes at the same time by entering the Letters to Leaders Contest.

To enter, members write a letter or email of appreciation to an adult club leader, project leader, or activity leader who has helped or inspired them. Send the letter to the Extension Center. Or email to [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu). The letter should not more than one page in length. At the bottom of the letter the member must put their first and last name, 4-H Club, and age on December 31, 2017. Be sure to write the first and last name of the leader on the letter. Letters must be received by December 1.

A \$5 cash prize will be awarded to the top letter in four age categories: 8-10, 11-12, 13-14, and 15 & older. The winning letters will be read to their leader at the Leader Recognition Dinner in January. The leader the letter is written to will be recognized at the county Leader Recognition Dinner. After the contest, all letters will be forwarded to the leader they were written to.

### BALLOT STUFFING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 27-28

#### Extension Foundation Meeting Room in Union

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 with 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

### STAY UP TO DATE ON STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

This newsletter is one way that we try to keep you aware of state-level 4-H opportunities. But you don't have to wait for your monthly newsletter to know what is going on. The front page of Missouri 4-H website lists upcoming events, activities, and opportunities. Check it out at: [www.mo4h.missouri.edu](http://www.mo4h.missouri.edu)

### 4-H OFFICER TRAINING - Nov. 8 Pre-register by Nov. 2

**All officers who attend will  
receive a 4-H Officer pin.**

4-H Club Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, Photographers, Historians, Song and Game leaders, and any other 4-H member who is interested should be sure to pre-register by November 2 for the Franklin County 4-H Officer Training workshop. The workshop will be held Thursday, November 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the [St. Joseph Parish Hall in Neier](#).

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 2 so that we can have enough pizza and soda for everyone. To pre-register, call 636-583-5141 or e-mail [hilemand@missouri.edu](mailto:hilemand@missouri.edu). Be sure to tell how many are coming, what office they are interested in, and their favorite pizza topping & soda (for each attending—including parents)!

Officers can find helpful information at:

<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/resources-and-forms/#Officers>

### ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE [BACKGROUND CHECK CONSENT FORM](#)

Missouri 4-H is switching to the Family Care Registry to complete background screening in 2018-19. As a result, all 4-H volunteers will need to complete and sign a background consent form this year. We only need volunteers to complete the highlighted parts of the form, or those with black arrows (>) pointing at them. **Note that we do not need a copy of your social security card.**

[Instructions for completing the form](#) are on the Missouri 4-H website.

There are three parts to becoming a 4-H Volunteer:

1. Enroll in 4-H Online as a volunteer.
2. Complete the one-time [4-H Volunteer Orientation](#).
3. Complete the background consent form and return it to the Franklin County MU Extension office.

Do not enroll as a volunteer unless you plan to complete all three steps.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH OFFICERS**

We need volunteers who are willing to lead each of the officer sessions on Thursday, November 8. We have materials to help you with the job. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to help.

### **CONSERVATION GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS**

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#### **GRANTS**

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 31, 2019.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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 31, 2019.

#### **MO YOUTH PORK AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Young people who are seniors in high school or up to sophomores in college on January 1, 2018, and who are involved in the pork industry, can apply to be Youth Pork Ambassador. Each ambassador will receive a \$1000 college scholarship.

Ambassadors are expected to attend at least six events throughout the year they serve. Find out all about the program at:

<http://www.mopork.com/youth/youth-pork-ambassador/>

Applications are due on December 14.

## **LIVESTOCK & CROP PROJECT LOANS**

### **Missouri Department of Agriculture Loans:**

The Missouri Department of Agriculture provides loan guarantees for loans up to \$3000 for 4-H projects (the guarantee is for half the loan value). 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:

[www.tiny.cc/MDAloan](http://www.tiny.cc/MDAloan)

### **Farm Service Agency Loans:**

The United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5000 to 4-H and FFA members age 10-20 to finance income-producing, agricultural related projects. For more information contact Sedrick Hicks at 573-756-6488, or visit the FSA website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/FSAYouthloans>

### **SUPPORT 4-H AT TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY**

Tractor Supply Company in Union will be holding a paper clover drive from October 3 to October 14. Any customer can purchase a paper clover for \$1. Most of the funds will go to the Franklin County 4-H Council. Share this information with all your family and friends who shop at Tractor Supply Company.

### **EAST CENTRAL REGION 4-H ENERGIZER**

**December 1— save the date!!**

The East Central Region 4-H Energizer will be Saturday, December 1, at Owensville Middle School. This year we have a special treat, Andrew McCrea, Oscar winning radio and TV broadcaster for his program, American Countryside, will speak and present to youth and adults at the energizer. Learn more at:

<http://mccrea.shelleyerwin.com>

### **Check you email for 4-H news:**

**Please check the email address you use for 4-H Online often.**

You will also be able to find notifications in your 4-H Family Online account, on the Franklin County Extension website, and on the Franklin County Missouri 4-H Facebook page. Volunteers and families that do not have access to an email account will need to contact the Extension Office so we can put you on our limited mailing address, or, in order to get the information more quickly, find an email buddy in your club who will contact you with the information we send by email.