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LET'S WELCOME TANNER ADKINS!

The new Franklin/Gasconade County Field Specialist in 4-H Youth Development is Tanner Adkins. Tanner will begin his Extension career in the Franklin County office on March 1 with responsibilities for Gasconade County.

Tanner grew up in Nodaway County on a cow-calf farm. He was a member of the Mt. Tabor 4-H Club. His main 4-H projects were wood work, baking, and photography. Tanner was also a member of the West Nodaway FFA Chapter. He served as the Area 1 State Vice President in 2013-14. His FFA interests included livestock, soils, horticulture and speaking contests.

He graduated from Mizzou with an undergraduate degree in Plant Science-Crop Management, and a Masters in Agricultural Leadership, Communication, and Education. Tanner had a Graduate Assistantship with Extension to create a Farm to Table curriculum for middle school students and 4-H Clubs. He also was a contractor with USAID to assist in starting a 4-H/FFA type program for students in Ukraine. In that capacity he worked with 7th-9th grade students to develop leadership skills and gain knowledge to become successful in their career life. His graduate thesis worked with understanding 4-H and FFA students perceptions and knowledge regarding food production techniques.

While he is based out of Franklin County, Tanner will actively oversee the Gasconade County 4-H programming, with Brenda in the office. You can expect to see him at our events and hopefully with his experience, he'll help us look at planning some new events. Please join us in welcoming Tanner Adkins, a great new asset to 4-H in Gasconade County.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 12 CARDINALS FUND RAISER

The next meeting of the Gasconade County 4-H Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, at Farm Bureau Meeting room in Owensville. Each 4-H club should plan to have representatives at the meeting. All 4-H members, volunteers, and parents are welcome.

We will be handing out our annual Raffle Tickets for the 4-H Council Fundraiser. The raffle is an effort to do a one-time fundraiser for the 4-H Council that allows us to fund our county programs and scholarships without adding additional cost to the \$20 enrollment fee.

This year we will again be offering tickets for 4 field box seats to a 2019 St. Louis Cardinals game that comes with the opportunity to watch batting practice from the field. The raffle tickets are \$1 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00. The ticket sales begin March 12. All tickets and money is due back to the Extension Center by May 9, 2019, or before if you can drop them by the office.

STATE 4-H CONGRESS

Congress is designed for Missouri 4-Her's ages 14-19. The Missouri State 4-H Council plans and implements the event that is held on the University of Missouri campus.

What you'll do at State 4-H Congress:

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living—residence halls, cafeterias and classrooms, you name it!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!
- Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and have FUN!?

All delegates must be 14 years of age before January 1 of current program year. Eligible members may attend more than one State Congress, unless prohibited by local county policy.

Registration begins on February 15 on 4HOnline and closes April 15. Registration fee is \$225. If you need assistance with the registration fee partial scholarships are available and any out of county trip is eligible for a fifty percent reimbursement on trip charges from our 4-H Council.

PUBLIC SPEAKING ACADEMY

The 4-H Public Speaking Academy is preparing for its seventh year! Extension faculty, along with 4-H volunteers will provide educational workshops to help youth build their skills and comfort with public speaking. Participants will be guided through the basics and finer points of writing and delivering a speech. Youth will receive individual assistance. The camp is open to all youth 11-13 years of age interested in learning more about public speaking.

The Academy will be June 12-13, 2019 and registration is due May 1. Lodging will be provided on the campus of Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo. The cost is \$100.

For more information, contact Patty Fisher at fisherp@missouri.edu or 573-324-5464 and be sure to download the brochure on the Missouri 4-H page at <http://4h.missouri.edu/public-speaking-academy/main>

WHY ARE WE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS?

1. The 4-H Council needs a fund raiser, that doesn't interfere with what the 4-H Clubs are doing. The St. Louis Cardinals are kind enough to provide us with these tickets free of charge to help our youth program.
2. The money we raise has been ear-marked for youth scholarships such as State 4-H Congress, 4-H Camp, the Public Speaking Academy and other out of county educational experiences that our youth can participate in 4-H. In the past few years we have had several youth take advantage of this program. On the larger trips they come back and report to the 4-H Council.
3. Gasconade County 4-H Council provides a fifty-percent scholarship for out of county educational events like those listed above. The catch is that they reimburse the family in August after the everyone has attended their trips and camps.
4. These educational trips are fun, the youth meet other 4-Her's from around the region and state. They learn and become comfortable working with a larger group of people in 4-H. Many times these are their first times away from home and family and 4-H is providing chaperones.

How can you help?

We ask that every family sell five sets of six tickets for \$5.00 totaling \$25.00. If you don't have enough family and friends that are interested and cannot sell them at work, it is still possible to purchase them yourself and have a good chance for a family outing! Seriously, if one of your children should wish to attend 4-H Camp or one of the state trips you will save way more money even if you purchased the tickets yourself and most of the time you will sell the tickets to others.

When you have sold the tickets just bring the cash and any checks to Brenda Humphrey at the MU Extension Center with your child's name and club name so that we can attribute the sale accordingly. That way you don't have to worry about keeping track of the tickets and money until May 9.

Thank you for your time and interest in this important 4-H Council activity!

TURNING 4-H PROJECTS INTO FAIR EXHIBITS

Families often have questions about how to turn items youth have made in their 4-H projects in for fair exhibits in July. Many people get tripped up on the dimensions for an educational display, how can I do a vegetable poster, or what goes in a notebook for archery. Actually, it's really easy—4-H Exhibit Guidelines state that, ***“All exhibits may be ‘any item made’, unless stated otherwise. The 4-H member may display any item made in that project.”***

So unless you plan to your exhibit as a notebook, poster or an educational display you should be able to exhibit any item that you have made in your project. You may enter up to three items in each project in the Gasconade County Fair.

There are sixty-three divisions in the 4-H Exhibit Hall with over 200 projects to enter your exhibits in. The exhibits are judged on the Danish judging system, meaning that the items are not judged against one another, but against a standard of excellence. The blue ribbon equates excellence, the red ribbon reflects the exhibit could use more finish and the white ribbon indicates that the youth needs to put more thought and work into the exhibit, in some way it is incomplete, or lacking quality. The pumpkins below help illustrate this point quite well.



4-H DANCE—FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Bring your friends, cousins or neighbors to join us for a Dance at the Exhibit Hall in Memorial Park, Owensville. Bem 4-H Club is hosting this DJ Dance to help with food donations for the Helping Hands Food Pantry. Everyone coming needs to bring 3 canned food items or boxed non-perishable food items to donate—then just have FUN for a couple hours with your friends! Bem 4-H will have food and drinks available at the dance. You may bring bottled water or soda, however it must have a cap to keep it sealed.

4-H ARTS AND CRAFTS OPPORTUNITY

Once again, Pam Ellis at *Art Works on Main* is offering a monthly Saturday session in March, April and May from Noon - 3:00 p.m. to do an Arts & Crafts item for your project. There is a \$10.00 materials fee, they have everything you need to make the project.

Pam is a Recognized 4-H Volunteer working with the Arts & Crafts project. These items are eligible to be exhibited at the Gasconade County Fair provided you are enrolled in the Arts & Crafts project.

4-H Arts & Crafts Workshops held at Art Works on Main Gallery. Please call 573-437-2502 to RSVP for each workshop at least 5 days in advance.

- March 23—Paint a Silhouette
- April 12—Junket Photo Album
- May 18—Organizer Jars

GASCONADE COUNTY FAIR

EXHIBIT DAY: JULY 23 4:00—8:00 P.M.

JUDGING EXHIBITS: JULY 24 8:00 A.M.

If you know someone who has judged 4-H exhibits or is interested in learning, we are always looking for judges. Please contact Brenda Humphrey at the MU Extension Center 573-437-2165, or email at humphreyb@missouri.edu. Judging only takes the morning hours on Wednesday before the fair opens.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- MAR 12—4-H Council Meeting: Raffle Tickets go home with Club Leaders!

APRIL

- Apr 1—4-H Day with the Cardinals ticket orders must be postmarked by today!
- Apr 20—Market Swine Check-In Forms due in mail to Gasconade County Fair
- APR 27—Market Lamb & Market Goat Weigh-In for Gasconade County Fair

MAY

- May 11—4-H Day with the Cardinals
- May 14—4-H Council Meeting: Raffle Drawing for Cardinals tickets!
- May 29—31 State 4-H Congress in Columbia



4-H Youth Dance

Friday, March 15



6:00—8:00 p.m. at Exhibit Hall
Memorial Park at Owensville

DJ & Sound System

Entry Charge:

3 Canned items

-or-

Non-perishable
food items



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