Gentry and Daviess County Youth Excel at 2013 Buchanan County Interstate Show

4-H youth in the Northwest Region of Missouri celebrated National 4-H Week with the 4-H Interstate Show in St. Joseph on October 7th through 12th at the East Hill Shopping Center. Posters of 4-H projects were displayed. These 4-H projects showcased the project work completed this past year by individual 4-H members in Buchanan County. The Interstate Show was sponsored by St. Joseph Tractor Supply Company through there Paper Clover Campaign.

Saturday, October 12th, 4-H contests were showcased in the area of public speaking, demonstrations, working demonstrations, fashion revue and talent at the East Hill Mall. Youth participated from Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton, Daviess, Gentry, Mercer and Grundy counties. Participating in public speaking were Ben Baldwin, Emily Barclay and Kate Wright, Clinton County; Marissa Herring, Buchanan County; and Braelyn Cowan, Gentry County. Kate Wright went home with Best of Show.

Contestants in the area of demonstrations: Latorrie Johnson, and Anna Hines, Grundy County; and Erin Cox Buchanan County presented working demonstrations. While Madelyn Derks and Samuel Derks, Gentry County, Libby Endicott, Daviess County and Libby Endicott, Daviess County modeling clothes they either bought or made as part of 4-H project work. Madelyn Derks went home with Best of Show.

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The afternoon awards program featured the selection of Interstate Boy and Girl. The 4-Hers were judged in the area of leadership, community service and 4-H involvement. The winning youth received a $1000 scholarship to Missouri Western State University. Marissa Herring, Miss Buchanan County assisted Youth program associate, Julie Schmitt in presenting the awards. Anthony McCollum went home with Best of Show.

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Clover Kids Corner

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share and work in groups, explore their interests and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce 5- to 7-year-olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Feathers, Seeds, Pincones, Acorns, and Rocks, Oh My!

Outdoors provides an excellent learning environment for youth, especially, Cloverkids! With significant health and learning benefits for youth being outside, why not start today?

One exciting thing to do is start a collection. There are different items youth find intriguing to put in their new collection. Youth learn best when actively engaged in hands-on experiences so collecting items involves them in the learning process.

There are many items youth would enjoy exploring and collecting:

- Leaves: These are colorful and come in different shapes and sizes.
- Rocks: Have youth collect several, then paint and put them into the shape of an animal such as a fish.
- Feathers: Have youth look at colors, textures, and shapes.
- Dead tree bark: Youth can make rubbings from dead bark. Each tree has a different pattern so they will be unique.
- Seeds: Youth can make mosaics with seeds they collect. They can open seeds to see what they look like inside.
- Pinecones: Search for different sizes. Consider drying them in the oven or place them in a zip top bag in the freezer for a day to kill any bugs.
- Paw prints: Make castings or take photos of the prints. Use books to identify the animal.

When outside, make sure youth are not collecting something that is alive. A good rule ofthumb is: If it’s alive, leave it alone.

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Grow Rural America
One Community At A Time

America’s Farmers Grow CommunitiesSM is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund to support local farming communities. The program, which launched in 2010, allows farmers to enter to win $2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization, such as 4-H, FFA, schools, fire departments and other civic groups. One winner will be selected in each of the 1,289 eligible counties in 39 states.

Rural communities are the heart of America. It’s where we find the people who work hard to feed, fuel and clothe our country and the world. We believe in rural America, and we want to help grow farming communities. This is why we work directly with the farmers to determine where the $2,500 is donated within their community. Farmers know best and choose the nonprofit organization in their community where the donation will make the most impact.

People in eligible counties have the opportunity to suggest an idea or initiative for a farmer to consider in his/her America’s Farmers Grow Communities entry. Plant Your Idea here. You will need the name of your nonprofit organization and a brief description of the project. Start growing your community today! Enroll here and submit ideas here by November 30, 2013.

Daviess County previous winners: Clint and Marcia Bird, Tonya Reed, Greg Macy, and John Sullenger.

Gentry County previous winners: Daniel Luke, Larry Rasmussen, Nancy Stevens, and David Cottrill.

Harrison County previous winners: Greg Fenimore, Ron Johnson, Katy Burkhead, and Ed Oram.

Ask farmers to select 4-H as their organization of choice!

Upcoming Council Meetings

Gentry County: November 17, 2013, Stanberry Methodist Church. 3 PM

Harrison County: December 9, 2013, Extension office, 5:30PM
Who should attend?
- Youth ages 14-18 and adult leaders and decision-makers.
- Groups of new/existing leaders, representing a club, council, afterschool site, leadership team, countywide program, or organization.

What will it be like?
The Summit will gather youth and adult leaders to celebrate 100 years of Cooperative Extension, explore the changing landscape of careers/workforce skills, envision the future, and travel the highway to stronger clubs, councils, & communities!
- “What If…?” session featuring future-oriented dialogue and outside-the-box problem-solving!
- Interactive workshops for leaders to build new skills and connections!
- “Where Are They Now?” alums talk career paths to citizenship, science, and healthy living!
- Summit Variety Show with talents, stories, films, and 100th Anniversary of the Nation’s Cooperative Extension System!
- Recreation options including Challenge Course, Bridal Cave, Line Dancing, and Open Gym!
- Team planning, networking, and opportunities to earn $250 mini-seed grant in 2014!

Team registration
Counties can register one or more teams starting Nov. 2013. Teams of 3-10 people (2-8 youth, 1-2 adults), any group that will be working together in 2014.
Individual youth registrations cannot be accepted.
Cost is $125 per delegate and includes lodging, activities, insurance, conference materials, t-shirt, and meals. Add $25/person for the EDGE challenge course.

Daviess County Rookies of the Year
Pictured above are the Daviess County Rookies of the year, Hayden Jumps and Jenna Rains with their club leader Lena Ishmael.

Harrison County Boy and Girl of the Year
Pictured above are Jared Milligan and Kaycee Vandiver the Harrison County Boy and Girl of the Year.

Dues for 2013-2014
All dues must be paid to your club leader by December 16th unless prior arrangements have been made.
This program provides Missouri 4-H clubs and FFA chapters grants each year for projects aimed at developing and advancing Missouri’s rural communities.

**Application Information**

Applications for the 2014 BOAC program are now available and all Missouri 4-H and FFA chapters to submit their proposals for the annual Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Grant Program to fund their community service projects.

Projects may include improvements to existing facilities, grounds or buildings used by local organizations in the applicant’s community. Past BOAC grant projects have included improvements for local fairgrounds, rural intersections and parks, as well as renovations for damaged and aged public use structures in rural communities, including those used by local 4-H and FFA groups.

BOAC grants to Missouri 4-H clubs and FFA chapters of up to $500 are available to support projects that benefit an agricultural community and/or promote community development. Up to 12 $500 4-H BOAC grants and 12 $500 FFA BOAC grants are awarded annually, two in each of the six districts.


Check with your local Extension office to see if a group from your county has already applied or if there are plans for multiple applications.

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The Daviess County Knee-Hi 4-H Club archery members gathered for a final fun shoot on Sunday September 8, 2013, at the home of Corey and Alicia Endicott. This was the first time the kids all shot at the same time at NFAA single spot targets and kept score. 60 arrows were shot by one intermediate and six juniors. Family members were able to watch and see what they had learned. After the shoot everyone celebrated the end of the 4-H year with a barbeque. Everyone had fun and can’t wait for the next year. So come join us in the fun and excitement this coming 4-H year.

Pictured left to right: Front Row: Lane Dowell, Andon Allen, Hayden Jumps, Libby Endicott. Second Row: Alicia Endicott, instructor; Emma Qualman, Trenton Ishmael, Calvin Grady, Corey Endicott, instructor.

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**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES**

The State 4-H Council is pleased to announce the 2014 State 4-H Teen Conference, March 22-23 in Columbia. This year will feature a “superheroes” theme, and the Council is having a great time planning an active, fun event! We’re very excited that - after years of trying - we were able to secure the Holliday Inn Executive Center this year. This venue is the largest hotel in Columbia, which will allow us to accept all who wish to attend (by the registration deadline) without having to coordinate between multiple hotels. We will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and end at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Registration is $159 for youth (who share a bed with one other delegate) and for chaperones (who share a room – not a bed – with one other chaperone). For youth who would prefer their own bed, registration is $209. If you planned to attend last year, but could not because of the date change, please contact your Extension office about receiving one of 30 scholarships for 50% of the fee to attend this years conference.
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**LEADER LOOKOUT**

November club leader tips

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**Project leader tips**

Project leaders are very important to the 4-H Club program. Interest in the project areas is what motivates youth to become 4-H members. The 4-H project leaders help members learn skills they will use throughout life, help members reach goals, serve as a role model and give youth in 4-H an important connection with a caring adult.

So I said I'd be a project leader…now what do I do?

- Secure the literature from your 4-H club leader or from Extension Publications using the form in the Y603, 4-H Clover; LG911, the Missouri 4-H Literature and Merchandise form; or online at http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/shop/

- Check out the resources available on the project web page http://4h.missouri.edu/projects/ There are many hands-on activities available for your use.

- Read the literature carefully, know the requirements and the prerequisites, and let members of your group set individual and group goals.

- Study the leader/helper guide and adapt it to your situation.

- List skills the members should know in order to complete work.

- Decide what skills to include in each project group.

- Decide what you and members are to do at each meeting.

- Prepare needed materials before the meeting.

- Collect names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of the members enrolled in your project from your club leader or your local University of Missouri Extension Center.

- Keep attendance and project records.

- Encourage and guide the youth to complete their project records. The forms can be found at: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/get/recognition/awards/personalgoals.htm
Missouri 4-H Coloring Book Design Submission Guidelines

1. All designs must be turned in on a white 8½” x 11” paper using the portrait layer.
2. Only one design on one piece of paper. Do not use front and back.
3. Hand drawn and computer generated designs will be accepted.
4. Do not write your name on the design or on the back of the design.
5. All submitted designs must be turned in with a Missouri 4-H Coloring Book Design Submission Form. If a design is turned in without a form, it will not be used.
6. Designs and Missouri 4-H Coloring Book Designs and the Design Submission Forms should be sent to:
   4-H Center for Youth Development
   1110 South College Ave.
   Columbia, MO 65211

7. Designs and Missouri 4-H Coloring Book Design Submission Forms must be postmarked by November 1, 2013 through December 20, 2013 in order to be considered for the Coloring Book.
8. The coloring book will be called the “ABC’s of 4-H”.
9. The coloring book format will be using the ABC’s to display 4-H.
10. List what letter you are designing on the Design Submission Form.
11. Note if you are designing either the back or front cover of the book.
12. If a design does not correspond with the letter listed on the design submission form, that design will be disqualified from the contest.
13. If there is more than one page submitted for each sub-format, there will be a contest between the submissions. The contest will be judged by the Missouri State 4-H Council Coloring Book Committee or the Missouri State 4-H Council.
14. All designs will remain anonymous during the contest.
15. One applicant may have up to 2 pages (including the covers) in the final draft of the coloring book.
16. All contestants will be notified via mail or email if their design/s will be used in the coloring book.
17. If a page has foul language, bad imagery, negativity, or is inappropriate in any way it will be disqualified from the contest and will not be printed in the book.

For questions or concerns, please contact Bradd Anderson at 573-884-0576 or AndersonB@missouri.edu. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE:
Northwest Region Energizer
Open to all 4-H members, leaders and families!
Saturday, January 25, 2014~ Hamilton
Missouri State 4-H Council Use Only

Missouri 4-H Coloring Book
Design Submission Application

*Post Mark Date By: December 20, 2013*

Name: ____________________________________________

County: ____________________________  Club: ____________________________

4-H Staff Member: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________________________

Email Address: ____________________________________________

Which way do you prefer being contacted?  Mail  Email

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Please circle if you are designing either one of the covers and list which letters you are designing.

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Letter 2: ____________________________  Letter 5: ____________________________

Letter 3: ____________________________  Letter 6: ____________________________
Harrison County YPA:

Harrison County would like to welcome youth program associate, Kyla Payne. She joined MU Extension on September 23.

Payne is a graduate of Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Agricultural Science.

Welcome! We are excited you are a part of our 4-H family.

We are on Facebook!

Kyla has been busy getting Daviess, Gentry and Harrison Counties into this century! Thanks to her work we are now on Facebook!!!!!!

You can find us and like us on FB by searching for: Daviess, Gentry and Harrison Counties 4-H Missouri. Or [https://www.facebook.com/DaviessGentryHarrisonCountiesNWMissouri4H](https://www.facebook.com/DaviessGentryHarrisonCountiesNWMissouri4H)

The newsletter will be posted there each month and this will be a great way to stay connected to friends and family in these three counties. You will also find links to applications for upcoming events including teen conference, congress and even camp. (No, camp applications are not ready yet.)

If you have information you would like to share about 4-H events, please let us know.

The administrators for the page are Kyla Payne, Becky Simpson, and Janet Sager.

Have photos you would like to share? Please do so. If there are photos you think should be used as our Cover Photo...again let us know. Those things can easily be changed.