



Madison County January 2019 Newsletter

My name is Brad Coleman and I am the new County Engagement Specialist/4-H Youth Development Director for Iron County. My 4-H Youth Development services cover Iron, Madison and Reynolds counties. I am located in the University of Missouri Extension Office, 123 W. Wayne Street, Ironton, MO 63650. The phone number is 573-546-7515. I can be reached on my cell phone at 573-747-9253 or by email at colemanlb@missouri.edu. You can call or email me at any time with information or ideas you may have for 4-H.

Award Winners

Congratulations to **June McCombs** and **Jessica Shoemaker**! They both received a \$50 Camp Scholarship for their Report Form Level I entries in the regional competition. Both report forms were ranked in the top percent for the region.

Congratulations to **Zachary Rice**! Zachary's Report Form Level II won a scholarship to the State 4-H Teen Conference valued at \$179. His report form was ranked in the top percent in the region.

From Leslie Wagner, your Club Leader:

Thank you to all those that came out and Christmas caroled and celebrated the holidays with us. We had over 50 people and that is AMAZING! Thank you to all those that donated to the family we adopted, they were very appreciative. Thank you to our social committee for providing the games. Fun was had by all. Thanks to the cooking members for making the cookies we shared.

Project forms need to be worked throughout the year. Each project leader is asked to help their group complete these at their project meetings. These forms will be due at Achievement Day (July). Youth must have them completed in order to be eligible for a year pin. If you need help, please ask and seek out Leslie. In order to be eligible for a project pin, you must complete the recognition form for your age group. Leslie has these available upon request.

All members are encouraged to enroll online for Move Across Missouri. This is a program to encourage everyone to get up and move. If interested, go to <https://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo>. Competition begins February 1 and runs through April

30. Last year, we competed between families within our club and the winning family received a \$25 gift certificate to Subway.

Any member who was age 11-13 on January 1, 2018 and would like to attend Teen Conference in Columbia on March 16-17 needs to go online and register by January 25. Please let Leslie know if you are planning on attending so she can line up chaperones. The cost is \$189. The club would reimburse you half that cost once you've attended if you are a member in good standing (please see Fredericktown Farmers 4-H bylaws). Any member ages 14-18 that would like to attend the Youth Civic Leaders Summit March 2-4 at Lake of the Ozarks needs to see Leslie. The cost is \$170 and the same thing applies with being reimbursed. Deadline to register is January 30th.

There will be a Valentines Day fundraiser planned for February 16. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

If you have not signed up to do a demonstration, please do so as soon as possible. These are required in order to be a member in good standing according to our 4-H club bylaws #6 section d.

The Fredericktown Farmers 4-H Club and the Mad Scientists SPIN Club want to remind you about the following dates:

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 8th – 6:00pm Fredericktown Farmers 4-H Club Meeting
January 9th – Hog Raffle Drawing (visit the Madison County Extension Center for tickets)
January 25th—Teen Conference registration deadline
January 30th—Youth Civic Leaders Summit registration deadline
February 12—6:00pm Fredericktown Farmers 4-H Club meeting
February 16—Valentines fundraiser

4-H EVENTS

January 18-19—Ag. Expo in Poplar Bluff
January 22—Regional Reps apps and Energizer registrations due
In February, look for the Feeding America Food Drive throughout the month, the YCLS registrations are due Feb. 1, the Southeast Regional Energizer will be held at Advance on Feb. 9, the State Meats Contest is Feb. 16 and the Legislative Academy is Feb. 18-20.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO STATE 4-H COUNCIL

Any 4-H participant, age 14-17 on January 1 of the election year, may apply to be a candidate for Regional Representative. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work. Candidates should be selected by their region on the following basis: 40% 4-H experience; 50% personal interview; 10% recommendation by county 4-H staff. Application and Cover Letter are due January 21 to the extension office. Interviews will be held February 9 at the Regional Energizer.

Application and information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/missouri4hcouncil.aspx>

4-H FEEDING MISSOURI- The goal is to raise one million meals the month of February in a first-of-its kind statewide food drive, and every 4-H club in the state can contribute to its success! From February 1-28, 4-H'er's across Missouri will engage in a friendly service competition to see which clubs can contribute the greatest amount of food, donations and volunteer hours. They will have an opportunity to organize and/or participate in food drives, fundraising, volunteerism and educational outreach to learn about hunger and food insecurity. Stay tuned for more information! Included on the 4-H Feeding Missouri webpage is a resource section that features a "4-H: Empowering Youth to End Hunger in Their Communities Toolkit" with ready-made activities for youth to learn about this topic.

AG EXPO IN BUTLER COUNTY

This year's Ag Expo will be on Friday, January 18 from 1pm-8pm and Saturday, January 19 from 9am-3pm at the Black River Coliseum in Poplar Bluff. Friday events include private applicator training 2pm, feral hog trapping demo 2pm-4pm, Home Depot birdhouse 5pm-7pm, 4-H/FFA Public Speaking contest 5pm and a milking contest at 6pm. Saturday events include a FFA tractor driving contest at 9am, an old time auction from noon-1pm, a kids garden adventure from 10am-noon and youth and agriculture 12:30pm-2:30pm. There will be cooking demonstrations, entertainment and a petting farm throughout the expo. Adults cost to attend is \$1 and students get in free! For more information, contact 573-686-8064.

4-H MOVE ACROSS MISSOURI (MOVE)

MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths and adults to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more. Youth and adults can enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4-H Online. Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website, youth and their families can "log" the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE. Record keeping through the paper tracking system is important because the competition period will be from February 1 to April 30. Youth and families will submit their total number of minutes logged and

activities throughout the 12-week competitive period between May 1 - 15 in 4-H Online. 4-H'ers and adults can register for the competitive event as individuals and/or as part of a team. For more information about 4-H MOVE visit <https://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo>

STATE 4-H CONGRESS

If you are interested in attending the State 4-H Congress in 2019, please contact the office. We have scholarship forms you can fill out. State Congress is May 29-31 for ages 14-19.

STATE 4-H COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO MAKE YOUR MOVE!

Come join the game of leadership at the 2019 State 4-H Teen Conference, March 16-17 in Columbia! The State 4-H Council is planning another "don't miss" event that you'll be talking about all year. Teen Conference begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and ends by noon on Sunday. Registration is \$189 for youth (sharing a bed with a friend you select) and for chaperones. For youth who would prefer their own bed, registration is \$239. Registration through 4HOnline is open and extended through February 1, 2019. Late registration is open February 2-10 with an additional \$50 late fee. For more info on Teen Conference, please visit <http://4h.missouri.edu/teen-conference>

4-H ROBOTICS TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Who: Missouri 4-H Adult Volunteers and Staff interested in learning more about using the LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 Robotics Kit. It isn't necessary to be currently enrolled as a project leader in robotics. **What:** A hands on session for adults who lead 4-H robotics projects. The workshop will start with the basics and also include advanced features of the EV3. **When:** Saturday, January 19, 9 am to 2 pm. Lunch break at 12 noon. **Where:** Tantar-A Resort, Osage Beach, MO **Why:** The LEGO MINDSTORM EV3 is the most widely known and utilized robot for youth STEM education. This model is used in the FIRST Lego League, Robofest, Best Robotics, as well as 4-H in challenges for young people who are interested in robotics. **How:** Registration due by January 14, 2019 with a 20 slots available. No registration fee, but travel and lodging expenses on your own. Cancellations must be made by January 5 for a full refund. 4-H robotics volunteers register in 4-HOnline. MU Extension 4-H staff register through C-Vent and will receive a separate email for this process. Both systems will be available after December 17. For questions or more detailed information contact Lynna J. Lawson, 4-H Youth Specialist, at lawsonl@missouri.edu or by phone at 573-631-6467.

MEATS JUDGING STATE CONTEST/WORKSHOP

This program has two options for participation. For those who have more experience in meats evaluation and would like to compete, the judging contest is the option for you. If you are less experienced in meats evaluation, there will be a learning track workshop. The workshop will walk you through how to evaluate judging classes, provide you with the

basics of good note taking, and give you tips on retail identification. Participants must choose either judging or workshop options. Registration for the Meats Judging State Contest/Workshop is available through <https://mo.4honline.com>. A help sheet to register is available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/doc/MOEventRegistration.pdf>. Registration deadline is February 1.

MISSOURI 4-H YOUTH SHIRTS

Youth, families, faculty and staff may once again purchase a Missouri 4-H t-shirt through 4HOnline. The cost of the shirts are \$11 each. Orders will be placed through the event registration system in 4HOnline. You may pay by check or credit card. If paying by check, please make your check out to your local extension office. Once payment is received in the local county extension office, your 4-H faculty/staff will approve the registration and the order will be processed. The t-shirts are black with short-sleeves and a green and white design. Sizes available include youth sizes small-large; adult sizes small-3XL. If your size is currently out of stock, you will be contacted directly by someone from the Davies County Extension office. Any out of stock sizes will be replenished in a timely manner and your order processed. If you have any questions please contact Becky Simpson at simpsonre@missouri.edu or 660-663-3232.

MISSOURI 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

College is expensive but 4-H can help! 4-H participation and involvement leads young people to explore various careers and educational options. The Missouri 4-H Foundation offers college scholarships that help 4-H members pursue their educational dreams. In 2019 thanks to generous donor support, the Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer over 60 college scholarships (\$500 - \$2,500/scholarship). 4-H'ers who are current high school seniors and former 4-Hers who are college students are eligible to apply. The scholarship guidelines and application is available on the Missouri 4-H Foundation website at <https://extension2.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h-foundation/scholarships>. Applications are accepted after January 1, 2019 and are due in the Missouri 4-H Foundation Office (109 Whitten Hall Columbia, MO 65211) by March 1, 2019.

YOUTH CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

The Youth Civic Leaders Summit is a statewide event for 4-H members ages 14-18 and adult leaders who are involved in service and want to have a positive impact on their communities. It is held at Windermere at the Lake of the Ozarks. The dates are March 1-3, 2019. You can register for it online at <http://mo.4honline.com> and deadline to register is February 1. Cost is \$170 per person. Information is available at <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/YCLS/main>



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MISSOURI AGRIBUSINESS ACADEMY

MABa is an opportunity for high school sophomores to explore career opportunities in agribusiness, government, and production agriculture. Information and applications can be found at: <http://agriculture.mo.gov/connect/youth/agribusacademy.php> Applications are due February 1st.

EQUINE TOUR

Do you dream of combining your equine passion with a future career, love to learn more about the horse industry, and enjoy making new 4-H friends who share your love of horses? The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Annual Equine Career Tour may be just for you! The 2019 tour, May 20-28, will be exploring the horse industry in Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Canada and is open to Missouri 4-H teens, ages 14-18. Tour highlights will include collegiate equine education departments, harness racing, visiting a variety of equine farms, meeting 4-H youth, and touring Mackinac Island. Participants will learn from leading equine professionals in the fields of equine therapy, dressage, entertainment, training, art, harness racing, equine facility management and equine welfare. The \$650 tour fee provides charter bus transportation, 4-H staff chaperones, and most all travel related expenses. Applications are available at <http://4h.missouri.edu/equine-tour> and are due before March 1, 2019. Specific travel information with detailed tour itinerary will be available to participants after March 1. For additional information, contact Debbie Davis, 816-866-9880, davisdd@missouri.edu

Upcoming issues of this newsletter will include more information about what is happening at the club meetings and with the different projects that students are working on for the future. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please contact me at colemanlb@missouri.edu or call me at the office at 573-546-7515 or by cell at 573-747-9253.

Sincerely,

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