Mary Johnson to be Inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame

42 exceptional volunteers from 32 counties will be inducted into the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 15 at 3:00 p.m. at the Fred E. Davis Multipurpose Auditorium, just west of the Missouri State Fairgrounds. Grundy County’s honoree is none other than Mary Johnson, a longtime Grundy County 4-H volunteer.

Recognition Forms—Member Reports

Why do them?

- Last year, members in NW MO received 4-H Camp ($50) and Teen Conference ($150) scholarships due to their work on Report Forms.

- Level 3 youth can earn an free trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA!

- It can help you earn college scholarships.

How to get started? (Due September 10)

1. Go to: http://4h.missouri.edu/recognition/awards/competition.htm

2. Find the age level needed, check out the sample forms and tip sheets.

3. Follow instructions!

4. Focus on “what was learned”, not the award received.

5. Need help or tips? Contact the Extension office to set up a time to go over your report form.

4-H’ers attend NW Regional Float Trip

Youth from across NW MO. Youth floated, hiked, went spelunking, and played basketball in the MU Rec Center. This is an annual trip, get signed up for the 2016 trip next summer!
MO 4-H Youth Feeding Communities

4-H clubs can focus their community service-learning projects on reducing hunger and ensuring everyone has enough to eat. In one year alone, 4-H youth and adults contributed over 10,500 hours to finding solutions to hunger in their communities.

http://4h.missouri.edu/programs/hunger/

4-H members exceed 10,000-hour hunger service goal
4-H hunger service campaign photo results
4-H Canstruction® video

What can 4-H clubs and individual members do?

- Volunteer at a food bank
- Plant a community garden
- Conduct a food drive
- Donate 4-H food products
- Host an empty bowls dinner
- Organize a fundraiser to benefit a local hunger organization
- Lead activities that educate other youth about hunger

Talk to farmers about Invest an Acre, a program that allows farmers to donate proceeds from their harvest to benefit local food pantries. Invest an Acre gives farmers a way to donate a portion of the proceeds of their harvest to benefit their local food bank. ADM, Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Monsanto, and Feeding America are partnering to help farmers fight hunger in their own communities.

August 6th 2015 at the Princeton R-V School

All members & parents are to be at the school by 3:00pm to start setting up. Please wear your 4-H shirts.

We will be doing set up, serving food, and clean up.

Thanks to everyone for all your help.
4-H and the Missouri State Fair
4-H exhibits and competitions are part of the fun of the Missouri State Fair. You won’t want to miss this special event – visit the 4-H building to see the projects of our 4-H youth or catch the judging competitions.

Other special events in the 4-H Building

- Friday, August 14, 12 – 1pm – Sportfishing activities
- Saturday, August 15, 2:30 – Let’s Talk Livestock demo
- Sunday, August 16, 9am – 3pm - Clover Kid Day
- Wednesday, August 19, – 9am – 3pm Robotics in the Bldg.
- Thursday, August 20 – 9am-3pm MO Afterschool Network
- Friday, August 21 – afternoon, Shooting Sports Q & A
- Saturday, August 22, 1pm – Let’s Talk Livestock demo
- Sunday, August 23, 1pm – Let’s Talk Livestock demo
- Daily at 4pm - Screenings from Natl. 4-H Film Festival 4-H Building, in the 4-H Electric Theatre, inside 4-H Bldg.

Show-Me Robotics Challenge
Sunday, 8/16, 10:30am registration; 12-3 contest

Sponsors: Missouri 4-H, MO State Fair & FIRST
Location: Lowell Mohler Exhibition Ctr.

Clover Kids Day at the State Fair—Aug. 16

A special day for Clover Kids (youth ages 5-7) will be featured in the 4-H building in Sedalia on August 16. All 4-H Clover Kids and their families are invited to attend this event.

Clover Kids can:

- Display an item they have made
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon
- Give a demonstration
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun learning activities
- See cool 4-H stuff displayed in the building
- All you have to do is show up, no registration is needed. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Interest-Free Funding Available for 4-H and FFA projects

FCS Financial is launching a new agricultural youth funding program to assist Missouri 4-H and FFA members with their agricultural projects. The agreement provides interest-free funding for qualifying projects, is available to all 4-H and FFA members in the association’s lending service area and is repayable within one year.

“Missouri is home to more than 105,000 4-H members and supports 324 FFA chapters consisting of 25,000 students,” says Scott Gardner, FCS Financial Marketing and Sales Vice President. “There is no better way to prepare these future farmers and ranchers for their career in agriculture than providing financial assistance and education at this point in their lives.”

FCS Financial will require a detailed projected cash flow as part of the application process. If approved for funding, the applicant must keep accurate records available for FCS Financial to review throughout the term of the agreement.

Available funding is based on FCS Financial’s capital and, in 2014, $300,000 has been reserved for the program. Funds are available for one project per year, per student. For more details or to apply, visit www.myfcsfinancial or contact your local FCS Financial office.
Did You Know? 4-H members have coverage through American Income Life? Special coverage is also available through the Extension office for special 4-H events.

Most common injuries are trauma suffered while working with a large animal. Typical scenarios are a youth or adult being struck or crushed while working with the animal in an enclosed area. A youth being dragged while hanging on to a large animal that has bolted is another common mishap.

Be sure to follow safety guidelines implemented by your State 4-H Program and the facility housing shows and competitions. Proper supervision by parents and adult leaders is always an effective deterrent to unexpected accidents. When the unexpected does occur, the American Income Life Special Risk Division provides easy to use claims service to promptly pay medical bills following a covered accident.
Shooting Sports Leader Certification
Gerry Snapp

August 28-30—REGISTER EARLY, SPOTS FILL UP FAST (Contact the office if interested—we all ready have Livingston Volunteers who will be attending!)

LifeChange Camp—Clinton, MO

The "fall" Shooting Sports leader workshop has been moved to late summer. Last year, the camps we had been using for workshops were closed; which left us scrambling for sites that could accommodate our needs. This time around the workshop will be at LifeChange Camp near Clinton. Registration will be via 4-H Online and is anticipated to open July 15. Workshop classes will close when the class size limits are reached and no later than August 10. Additional information, when available, will be posted to the 4-H Shooting Sports website: http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm

Check out the county web page:
http://extension.missouri.edu/
Mercer or Grundy

For the newsletter, entry forms, and other 4-H information.