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Goppert Foundation makes gift to grow Missouri 4-H scholarships

The Goppert Foundation of Kansas City has made a \$50,000 gift to the Missouri 4-H Foundation to grow the Goppert Foundation Endowed 4-H Scholarship Fund, which provides perpetual support for 4-H youth from 10 Missouri counties to attend college.

Since its establishment in 2012, the Goppert Foundation 4-H Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$15,000 in college scholarships to 4-H youth from Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray and Saline counties. With this new gift, the fund has grown to more than \$100,000, increasing the educational opportunities to generations of future leaders.

“Donating to the Missouri 4-H Foundation is an investment in the education of future leaders,” said Billy Campbell, president of Goppert Financial Bank and director of the Goppert Foundation. “The children and young adults that participate in the many local 4-H programs embrace the traditional core values that are essential in today’s and tomorrow’s society.”

Through the Goppert Foundation 4-H Scholarship Fund, Missouri 4-H youth, who learn the importance of giving back to their communities very early on in their 4-H involvement, continue to benefit from a family that also believes giving back is important.

“We are deeply appreciative of the Goppert Foundation’s decision to grow this scholarship fund,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Board Chair Dr. Marla Tobin. “At a time when the

cost of higher education is more prohibitive than ever, this generous gift will make so much possible for young people who have worked hard to achieve the necessary skills to succeed in college and beyond.”

The Goppert Foundation was established in 1959 by Clarence H. Goppert, a banker and philanthropist

who believed in investing in the communities that supported his family’s banking business. The foundation has assisted civic groups, health care facilities and educational institutions, and has generously supported Missouri 4-H both locally and statewide. ■

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Missouri 4-H Foundation Trustee Nancy Coleman (left) presented the 2015 Goppert Foundation 4-H Scholarship to Kaitlyn Zimmerman (center) and Nicole Riddle. Photo by Amanda Stapp.



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Summer is always a busy time for 4-H families and 4-H staff with fairs, camps and other activities. It has also been a very busy time for the Missouri 4-H Foundation. We had a great turnout for the seventh annual 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament and the 10th annual Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, where we recognized 54 new inductees. It seemed like every week there was some new 4-H event happening and our state was alive with 4-H activities evident everywhere. Missouri 4-H'ers were busy giving back to their communities and our communities have been very good to 4-H! "Spirit" is certainly an appropriate name for our newsletter if you've been around these 4-H events and felt the energy, warmth and spirit of each of our 4-H gatherings.

As fall begins, our thoughts turn to 4-H youth starting school and the Missouri 4-H Foundation is preparing for a new cycle of 4-H scholarships. We are very grateful for the annual support we receive from our scholarship donors, such as the Goppert Foundation. They are committed to helping our youth prepare for the workforce of tomorrow by helping them reach their educational goals. This year the Missouri 4-H Foundation will award a total of \$58,050 to 62 scholarship recipients. These are gifts that keep on giving as we build a brighter future for our 4-H youth. The memory of one of our brightest 4-H members, Zach Parsons, will live on through a scholarship established in his name. Despite his untimely death, his 4-H spirit lives on forever.

Your Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees is proud of our 4-H family. From the Clover Kids who first experienced a 4-H event this year to the 4-H'ers who won county, state and national events, we will all be celebrating National 4-H Week this October. We congratulate the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports team for once again bringing home the national championship. Did you know that Missouri even had an Olympic medalist who was a former Missouri 4-H shooting sports member? Wellington, Mo. was proudly flying Old Glory, the Missouri flag, and the Olympic flag this past August in celebration of Zach Garrett, who brought home an Olympic silver medal in archery.

We look forward to the second annual Missouri 4-H Quiz Night on Friday, Dec. 2 in Columbia as a fun evening of fellowship and fund raising for 4-H. It is a great time to gather your friends and plan on joining us. We look forward to hearing from you if you have ideas as we plan another year of 4-H fundraising activities. Call us at 1-800-642-8041, email us at 4hfoundation@missouri.edu or visit us online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation>.

Thank you to our event and scholarship sponsors and to all of you who give so much to show that "4-H grows here" in Missouri!

Warm regards,



Marla Tobin, MD

Missouri 4-H Foundation Chair

Scholarship fund established in memory of beloved 4-H member Zachary Parsons

The Zachary Parsons Memorial 4-H Scholarship was recently established by Debbie and Jason Parsons, the parents of Missouri 4-H member Zachary Parsons, who passed away Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, in Johnson County, near Knob Noster. The scholarship was created to honor his memory and to recognize and encourage academic excellence among Missouri 4-H youth.

“I still struggle with how this world can go on without such a wonderful and caring soul,” said Debbie Parsons. “But I know it will. That is why it is so important to us to establish this scholarship. I want all 4-H members to realize their dreams and to work hard.”

“Zachary often said ‘4-H made me into the person I am today.’ I want people to remember Zachary and how much he loved and benefited from 4-H,” Parsons added.

This year, the fund will award one scholarship for \$1,000 to Jesse Carroll of Warrensburg. Carroll is studying environmental plant science at Missouri State University. In future years, one annual scholarship will be available to a current or former 4-H member planning to enroll as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited four-year university.

Zachary Alan Parsons was born on Dec. 9, 1998 in Warrensburg, Mo. He was a junior at Sacred Heart High School in Sedalia at the time of his passing.

Zachary was very active in 4-H and his community and had a profound impact on nearly every person he met. He was a member of the Blackwater Bobcats 4-H Club in Johnson County and served as the west central representative on the Missouri State 4-H Council from 2013-2015. He also served as a 4-H representative on

the MU Extension Council and was president of the Johnson County 4-H Council.

Zachary was selected to represent the west central region at National 4-H Congress and was honored with a 4-H Key Award in 2016. He was also a 4-H Legislative Academy delegate, where he spent three days in Jefferson City job shadowing Rep. Denny Hoskins. Prior to his death, he was selected to interview at the state level for National 4-H Conference.

Outside of 4-H, Zachary served on the Sedalia Leadership Council from 2015-2016. He was chosen as the Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year in 2015, was recognized in the National Honor Society and received Congressional Award Bronze and Silver medals. His goal was to achieve a Gold medal award before he left for college.

Zachary earned a \$10,000 scholarship to Lindenwood University and was accepted for the Vanderbilt Summer Academy for talented youth at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, studying psychology, neuroscience and law.

“Zach had that rare gift of making everyone around him feel important, yet challenged everyone to achieve beyond their expectations,” said Dr. Ina Linville, director of the 4-H Center for Youth Development. “I believe this challenge lives on in those who knew him.”

Memorial gifts may be given to the Zachary Parsons Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund at the Missouri 4-H Foundation, 1110 S College Ave, Columbia, MO 65211. A gift acknowledgment will be sent to the Parsons family. ■



Zachary Alan Parsons
Dec. 9, 1998 – Feb. 15 2016

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

— George Bernard Shaw

Golfers raise more than \$29,000 for 4-H



Teams from across the state gathered in support of Missouri 4-H youth. Winners of the Championship Flight were Team 21 (top) and 4-H Director's Team (bottom). Photos by Tammy Gillespie.

Golfers hit the greens in support of Missouri 4-H youth at the seventh annual 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament held June 7 in Columbia. Co-presenting sponsors were **The Climate Corporation, a division**

of Monsanto and Great American Insurance, Crop Division.

"We are so grateful for the steadfast support shown by our partners and friends for the seventh annual 4-H Clover Classic," said Rachel Augustine,

associate director of development for the Missouri 4-H Foundation. "Twenty teams joined us in support of the MU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, helping us raise more than \$29,000 for Missouri 4-H."

Co-chair Bob Idel, along with Greg Sowder of Great American Insurance, Crop Division and Richard Fordyce, director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture, welcomed players, thanking everyone for their ongoing support of youth in agriculture before challenging teams to compete on behalf of Missouri 4-H youth.

Awards for the first-place Championship Flight went to the team of Ben Gallup, Trenton Monnig, Kory Neisen and Steve Ball. Awards for the second-place Championship Flight went to the team of Jon Bishop, Phil Fancher, Terry Whitney and Justin Cromley.

Awards for the first-place A Flight went to the Alpha Gamma Rho team of Michael Monson, Jacob Meyer, Garrett Buschjost and Joe Stillman. Awards for the second-place A Flight went to the team of Estil Fretwell, Tom Crawford and Jeff Harbert.

Foursomes teed off under the banner of hat sponsor Osborn Barr.

Platinum sponsors included ADM Crop Risk Services, FCS Financial, and Gordon and Kay Sparks. Premium sponsors included Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Co. of Iowa; Lyle Houts Family; JBS Live Pork; MFA Inc.; Missouri Farm Bureau Federation; Rain and Hail, Midwest Division; George Thomas; and Marla J. Tobin, M.D.

Players enjoyed lunch provided by the Missouri Pork Producers Association and the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Fechtel Beverage & Sales Inc. was the beverage sponsor.

Hole and team sponsors included



Winners of the A-Flight were Alpha Gamma Rho (top left) and the team of Jeff Harbert, Estil Fretwell and Tom Crawford (top right). Other teams included presenting sponsors Great American Insurance-Crop Division (bottom left) and the Missouri Department of Agriculture (bottom right). Photos by Tammy Gillespie.

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Players won cash and prizes donated by A. L. Gustin Golf Course; AgriMissouri; Andy's Frozen Custard; Rachel Augustine; Broadway Brewery; Kelli Jo Buettner; F&H Food Equipment Co.; FCS Financial; Olive Graham; Clay and Dana Haynes;

Kansas City Royals; Lakota Coffee Co.; Missouri Beef Industry Council; Missouri State Fair; Rose Music Hall; Schlafly Brewery; Kay Sparks; St. Louis Cardinals; Stoney Creek Inn; Tee's Etc. Apparel & Design; and Chris Willow.

The Clover Classic committee was led by co-chairs Bob Idel and John Raines, and included Rachel Augustine, Kelli Jo Buettner, Cheryl Reams, Kay Sparks, George Thomas and Chris Willow. ■

Missouri 4-H earns top honors at national shooting sports championships

For the second year in a row, Missouri 4-H shooters brought home the championship title at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship tournament, June 26-July 1 in Grand Island, Neb.

Nearly 700 participants from 36 states competed, demonstrating excellence in marksmanship, safety, responsibility and teamwork.

“It was truly amazing to watch our 4-H members interact with all of the other state teams,” said Sarah Huber, University of Missouri Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

Seeing the pride they have for one another, as well as the lifelong friendships they made, was such a rewarding experience, Huber added.

Over three days of competition, Missouri’s nine teams competed in three events within their shooting discipline, developing a range of skills, including leadership, self-discipline and wildlife conservation, she said.

“The team members and coaches were thrilled to once again bring home



Missouri 4-H members proudly displayed the Missouri state flag during the opening ceremonies of the 2016 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. Photo by Brad Mellema.

“It represents the many hours of practice our 4-H members and their coaches have spent improving their skills as they pursue excellence in shooting sports”

the championship trophy,” said Gerry Snapp, retired 4-H youth specialist. “It represents the many hours of practice our 4-H members and their coaches have spent improving their skills as they pursue excellence in shooting sports.”

Missouri 4-H placed in the top 10 in all nine disciplines.

Overall, Missouri teams took first place in compound archery, hunting skills and muzzle loading. Missouri placed second in recurve archery.

The hunting skills team of Ethan Crist, Connor Wilson, Laura Hogan

and Trevor Burrows repeated last year’s success, sweeping their discipline with first-, second-, third- and fourth-place finishes, respectively.

The compound archery team of Hunter Hogan, Remington Boyer, Evan Baker and Lane Brandt also finished strong with first-, second-, third- and

fifth-place finishes in their discipline.

Major support for the Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports national team was provided by the **NRA Foundation**, **Brenda and Larry Potterfield**, the **Big Game Hunters Foundation**, **Sierra Bullets**, the **Missouri Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation**, **Starline Brass**, **Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports** and **Graf and Sons, Inc.**, in partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Youth and adult participants represented the following Missouri counties: Boone, Callaway, Cass, Cole, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Harrison, Jasper, Lafayette, Lewis, Livingston, Macon, Polk, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, St. Charles, Vernon and Warren. ■

Governor's Ham Breakfast benefits 4-H

More than 1,000 farmers, agriculture leaders and state and local officials gathered in Sedalia for the 64th Annual Governor's Ham Breakfast and Auction held Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Director's Tent on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

The Grand Champion Ham, exhibited by Quyn ten Cary of California was purchased by **Ditzfeld Transfer and Trash Service** and **Murphy Brothers Exposition** for \$7,000 and was donated to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Proceeds from the auction of the ham are used by the Missouri State Fair Foundation to provide scholarships for youth in agriculture.

An additional item, a Henry Rifle donated by **FCS Financial**, was included in the auction this year and was purchased by **Barbara Hayden** of **Starline Brass** for \$10,000. Proceeds from the auction of the rifle will benefit Missouri 4-H. ■



Top: Gov. Jay Nixon and Mrs. Georganne Nixon with Quyn ten Cary of California. Photo by Chris Willow. Bottom: (from left) Gov. Jay Nixon with 4-H Shooting Sports ambassadors Anna Persell and Anna Threat, 4-H Youth Specialist Sarah Huber and Mrs. Georganne Nixon. Photo by Bob Idel.

2ND ANNUAL QUIZ Night

Gather your friends and get ready to give your brain a workout, while supporting Missouri 4-H! Mark your calendars for the second annual Missouri 4-H Quiz Night, benefiting the MU Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development.

Friday, Dec. 2, 2016

6 p.m. Doors open, registration begins
7 p.m. Trivia begins

Table of 8 \$200 | Individuals \$25

Registration includes beverages, but teams are encouraged to bring their own snacks and drinks!

Sponsorship opportunities

Round Sponsorship \$200

Includes special logo/name recognition at the beginning of your trivia round

Round + Table Sponsor \$300

Includes half price admission for eight players and special logo/name recognition at the beginning of your trivia round

The deadline to register is Nov. 28, 2016

Register online

4h.missouri.edu/foundation/



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Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame inducts 54 members

Making the best better for generations of Missouri 4-H members, 54 volunteers joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Aug. 13 at State Fair Community College in Sedalia. Inductees from 40 counties established a legacy of 1,594 years of volunteer service to Missouri 4-H. The annual event is generously sponsored by **FCS Financial** and the **Missouri State Fair**. Photo by Amanda Stapp.



Audrain: Bobette and Warren Wilson
Barton: Gary and Sondra Smith
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