

Spirit

Newsletter of the Missouri 4-H Foundation

Fall 2011

A grand time at the fair

Auctions raise funds for Missouri 4-H



It's a record! Van Dyke Charity Guitar sells for \$12,500

Friends of country music legend Leroy Van Dyke set a new bidding record at the Country Gold Tour charity guitar auction, held Aug. 14 at the Missouri State Fair. Four Sedalia business owners topped the bidding chart at \$12,500 for Van Dyke's autographed guitar. Missouri 4-H and FFA will share the proceeds.

Gary McMullin, president of **W&M Welding** and Mike Brown, owner of **B&P Excavating** won the guitar with a bid of \$6,000, then donated the guitar back and requested another round of bidding — so Van Dyke and 4-H'ers returned on stage. The guitar brought an additional \$6,500 from Ron Ditzfeld, owner of **Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.** and Don and Cindy Weaver of **Don's Truck Towing**.

"I truly believe the future of American agriculture is in youth organizations such as 4-H clubs and FFA," said Van Dyke.

Van Dyke conducts charity guitar auctions while touring the country, with the proceeds supporting 4-H



Top, Van Dyke Charity Guitar sells for \$12,500. Above, Winning guitar bidders pose with 4-H representatives. Photo courtesy of the Missouri State Fair.

and FFA. The previous record bid of \$11,000 was set in 2006 at the South Dakota State Fair.

Bringing home the ham — the bacon and barrow!

Our mouths are watering for Logan Cary's Grand Champion and Champion Youth Country Cured Ham, auctioned at the State Fair Governor's Ham Breakfast. **Murphy Brothers Exposition, Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.** and **Kathy and Tony Ross** purchased the ham for \$3,000 and donated it to the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

Also at the auction, **Starline Brass, Inc.** purchased the Grand

Champion Bacon, exhibited by **Woods Smoked Meats in Louisiana**, for \$3,500 and donated it to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Thanks are in order to **Barbara Hayden** of Starline, an enthusiastic patron of Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports.

The Grand Champion Barrow, exhibited by Emily Tallman of Archie, was donated to the Missouri 4-H Foundation by **Monsanto Company, Farmland Foods, Youth in Agriculture and Hometown supporters**.

These special donations keep on giving — we'll use these edible gifts to raise more funds for Missouri 4-H programs. 🍀



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Dear 4-H Friends,

This issue of the *Spirit* is dedicated to the late Jim McLarney, a long-time Missouri 4-H Foundation trustee, who passed away in July after a long battle with melanoma. Jim was a dedicated member of the 4-H family who loved his work with 4-H and the foundation. That love was reciprocated by all of us. I will always remember my last conversation with Jim. I had an opportunity to share something with him that not many know about yet. I hadn't planned to share the details with him — not at a time like this, but he really wanted to know. When I filled him in, he laughed, and said, "Oh, that's big!" Jim was truly excited, and I thought it was amazing — his spirit, his inquisitiveness, his caring about the future of 4-H when he was going through so much, and knowing that he didn't have long at that point.

This conversation told me more about Jim than I could have ever known, and when the "secret" is out, the first person I will think of is Jim, and in his spirit, I will smile along with the rest of the 4-H family.

With the conclusion of the Missouri State Fair, it's a sure sign that summer 2011 is almost behind us. Luckily, the weather broke in mid-August, and most State Fair activities were conducted under our more "normal" hot and humid conditions, but we can handle that!

- Many thanks to Leroy and Gladys Van Dyke for their generosity and dedication to support Missouri 4-H members through the Country Gold Tour guitar auction. Ron Ditzfeld, Gary McMullin, Mike Brown, and Don and Cindy Weaver set a new record for the highest bid at \$12,500 for the guitar!

- At the 2011 Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, more than 600 joined in celebrating the accomplishments of 46 inductees from 35 Missouri counties. Congratulations to the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame Class of 2011!

- Our thanks to Loretta and Jerry Murphy, Ron Ditzfeld and Kathy and Tony Ross for their gift of the State Fair Grand Champion and Youth Champion Country Cured Ham, to Barbara Hayden for her gift of the Grand Champion Bacon, and to Monsanto Company, Farmland Foods, Youth in Agriculture and Hometown supporters for the Grand Champion Barrow, all to benefit Missouri 4-H.

We are proud to recognize FCS Financial and Bob Idel in the Partner Spotlight. Our 4-H youths continue to excel because FCS and people like Bob support them every step of the way.

Thanks so much to each of you for your continued partnership with Missouri 4-H! Our new fiscal year is underway, so pledge your support to dedicated 4-H members today via mail, online at <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/> or call us at 800-642-8041.

Warm regards,

Cheryl Reams
Executive Director

In Memoriam: James Hugh McLarney, 1933-2011



James Hugh McLarney
October 8, 1933 – July 8, 2011

Former Missouri 4-H Foundation Chairman James Hugh “Jim” McLarney, 77, passed away on July 8, 2011, from melanoma.

Born October 8, 1933, on a farm at Gower, Mo., Jim grew up in a 4-H family, and was a Clinton County 4-H member, along with his five siblings. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a BS in Agricultural Economics in 1955, served in the Air Force in Okinawa, and earned a law degree from MU in 1962. Jim married Sandra Ryan in 1956; they raised three daughters and enjoyed six grandchildren.

Jim was a partner with Swanson Midgley Law firm in Kansas City, where he served as a managing partner for 15 years.

A highly respected attorney, Jim’s

many victories included a landmark case in which he defended the NCAA before the United States Supreme Court.

Jim joined the Missouri 4-H Foundation in 1990 and chaired the Planned Giving Committee. Throughout his service as a Missouri 4-H Foundation trustee, Jim was valued for his generosity of spirit, his dry wit and pro bono legal advice.

“Jim had a passion for 4-H, based on his humble acknowledgement of the life-changing opportunities that 4-H provided to him. Jim was dedicated to the effort to make the same available to the next generations of Missouri youth.”

— Lynn Ballew, foundation trustee

“Standing up, standing out, standing together!”

Youth Civic Leaders Summit teaches community leadership skills

Teens are gaining skills to be more effective as leaders in the 21st century, said Steve Hennes, MU Extension 4-H youth specialist and summit coordinator. “Through their participation in the summit, 4-H youths develop life skills, strengthen teamwork, increase their awareness of local and global issues, and learn how to work with others in their communities.”

County teams received \$100 seed grants from **Monsanto** and the **Missouri 4-H Foundation** to implement leadership projects. Sponsors included **Monsanto**, the **CHS Foundation** and **The Missouri Bar**. 🍀



Raising Funds at 2nd Annual Clover Classic



Above, Osborn & Barr Team.



Monsanto "Round-Up Ready!" Team



Above, from left, state 4-H council representatives Cassie Reid and Dustin Oehle, and foundation trustees Ben Brown and Kay Sparks meet Truman the Tiger.

Friends of Missouri 4-H competed for charity at the 2nd Annual 4-H Clover Classic Golf Tournament presented by **Monsanto**, held June 7 at A. L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia.

"We are thrilled with the great support shown by our 4-H Foundation friends and partners for the Clover Classic Golf Tournament. Everyone had a great time while raising funds in support of the MU Extension 4-H Youth Development program, and we look forward to next year's tournament," said Cheryl Reams, Missouri 4-H Foundation executive director.

John Raines, co-chair and ambassador for presenting sponsor Monsanto, welcomed and challenged players to win for Missouri 4-H youth. Teams from across the state met and exceeded the goal.

Foursomes teed off under the banner of hat sponsor **Osborn & Barr** and premium sponsors **Farmer's Mutual Hail Insurance of Iowa**, **FCS Financial**, **Dr. Ina Linville**, **Great American Insurance-Crop Division**, **Missouri Ruralist**, **Novus International Inc.**, **State Senator Brian Munzlinger**, **State Representative Jay Houghton**, **Tom Henderson**, **Successful Farming and Agriculture**, and **MFA Inc. Charitable Foundation**.

Players enjoyed a barbecue, courtesy of **Missouri Pork and Missouri Cattlemen's Associations**, **MFA/Breaktime** and **Sara Lee**. **N.H. Scheppers Distributing Company** was the beverage sponsor.

Successful Farming and Agriculture sponsored the putting contest.



John Raines, co-chair and ambassador for presenting sponsor Monsanto, salutes golfers with Truman.

and Having Fun! Classic Golf Tournament

Hole sponsors included Brighton Agency, Brownfield Ag News Network, Frank and Olive Graham, Bob and Pam Idel, Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy, Landmark Bank, Missouri Agribusiness Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri 4-H, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Soybean Programs, Paris National Bank, Pioneer Products of Linn, Rain and Hail LLC, Kay Sparks, State Representative John Cauthorn, State Senator Kurt Schaefer, Stoney Creek Inn, Sydenstricker Inc., Patricia Koenigsfeld, and Kevin and Carol Langford.

Dr. Robert E. "Bud" and Betty Hertzog and Missouri 4-H Director Ina Linville sponsored teams.

Players won cash and prizes donated by AgriMissouri, Bass Pro Shops, Courtyard by Marriott-Columbia, Complete Custom Automotive, Dick's Sporting Goods, Les Bourgeois Vineyards, McDonald's Restaurants of Columbia, Stoney Creek Inn of Columbia, Perche Creek Golf Club and A.L. Gustin Golf Course.

Teams joined Truman the Tiger for photos sponsored by Patricia Koenigsfeld.

Volunteers made this event a success: co-chairs John Raines and Bob Idel, Jerry Dowell, Patricia Koenigsfeld, Ben Brown, Ina Linville, Dr. Robert E. "Bud" Hertzog, Bill and Betty Crouch, Kay Sparks, Ruth Tofle, Elver Pardo, Renée Cosner, Brooke Berkey, Dustin Oehle and Cassie Reid.

Jerilyn Johnson was event photographer.



Above, volunteers Jerilyn Johnson, Patricia Koenigsfeld, Kay Sparks and Ina Linville catch up with Betty and Bill Crouch, seated.



Addison Labs Team.



Cheryl Reams, Walt Wilkening, Ruth Tofle and Bill Crouch with Truman.



FCS Financial Team.

A very special thanks to Monsanto, Trustees Bob Idel, John Raines, Jerry Dowell, Bud Hertzog, Morris Burger, Tom Henderson, Patricia Koenigsfeld, the Foundation staff and Missouri 4-H staff.



FCS Vice President Bob Idel

Partner Spotlight

For more than 90 years, **FCS Financial** has been a cornerstone of Missouri's rural economy. Recognizing the link between 4-H and vibrant rural communities, FCS Financial is also a dedicated Missouri 4-H partner.

From providing paper goods for county 4-H refreshment stands, to supporting the Missouri 4-H state program, FCS provides invaluable services. FCS helps youth develop skills and leadership goals through support of state livestock and dairy judging events, horse programs and the Legislative Academy.

Underwriting from FCS Financial helps print the annual *4-H Clover* curriculum catalog. And FCS helps recognize 4-H leaders at the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame.

Representing his constituents on

the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees, FCS Vice President Bob Idel co-chairs the foundation's annual golf tournament. The tournament draws 4-H friends from all over the state to "raise funds and have fun!" Bob takes "raising funds and having fun" seriously — he's the first volunteer to arrive at the event and the last to leave.

"FCS Financial is proud to be a supporter of 4-H in Missouri. There is no organization in the world better than 4-H that helps young people excel in leadership, hands-on learning and community achievement. I was in 4-H growing up and have continued my love and passion for 4-H through my career with FCS," Bob said.

"Bob's work ethic reflects FCS Financial's dedication to

sustaining and improving rural life in Missouri, and we are so grateful for their continued and growing support of Missouri's young people. As far as working relationships are concerned, they just don't come any better than Bob. He is such an outstanding partner and friend to all of us. He really helps us to get things done," said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. 🍀

FCS Financial is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperative lending institutions that provides credit and financial services to farmers, ranchers, rural residents and agribusinesses. With 95 years of agricultural lending experience, the Farm Credit System is the largest single provider of agricultural credit in the United States. FCS Financial serves 102 counties in Missouri through 27 office locations. For information, visit <http://www.myfcsfinancial.com>.

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Youths get "inside experience" at Filmfest 4-H

Young filmmakers from seven states gathered in Branson, Mo. August 1-3 to train with film industry professionals, network with their filmmaking peers, and explore careers at the inaugural Missouri *FilmFest 4-H* film festival.

"Filmmaking is a great avenue to develop self-expression, problem-solving, critical thinking and other life skills, said MU Extension 4-H Youth Specialist Bradd Anderson, who coordinates the event.

Film industry professionals led workshops covering lighting, sound, acting for the camera, television

documentaries and stop-motion animation. As they covered professional practices, presenters also offered strategies to accomplish many of their techniques on a teenager's budget.

"Missouri 4-H was thrilled to host our first invitational film



festival," said Ina Linville, Missouri 4-H program director. "It provided an opportunity for youth to showcase both creativity and technological skills to tell stories or address local issues."

FilmFest 4-H was planned and facilitated by Missouri 4-H and the Missouri Film Commission, and sponsored by the Miller Family Foundation, Inc., the Missouri Arts Council, MU Extension, Branson Mayor Raeanne Presley and the Branson Convention and Visitors Bureau. 🍀



Photo: Amanda Stapp

Meet the 2011 Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame Honorees

Making the best better for generations of Missouri 4-H'ers, 46 luminaries from 4-H joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, held August 14 at the Missouri State Fair. Inductees from 35 counties established a legacy totaling 1,600 years of service to 4-H. A record crowd of 600 family members and friends attended the fifth annual event.

The Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame is sponsored by the **Missouri 4-H Foundation**, **FCS Financial** and the **Missouri State Fair**.

2011 Inductees and counties

John Duncan, *Andrew*

Truman and Mary* Coolley,

Audrain

Linda and Richard* Morgan, *Barton*

Jenna Lee Ficken,* *Benton*

Marcia Martin, *Boone*

Phyllis Fisher, *Buchanan*

Alta M. O'Neal, *Carroll*

Linda Gordy, *Clark*

Myrna Riechers, *Franklin*

Courtney and Mariam Goforth,
Gentry

The Posler Family, *Harrison*

Alvin Crooks, *Henry*

Cheryl Adams, *Howard*

Marge and Ivan Slaughter, *Jackson*

Joan Wilson, *Jasper*

Nellie Mabel Jones Turner,* *Johnson*

Martha Hawthorne, *Lafayette*

Lewis and Marion County

Cattlemen, Lewis

Sharon Keim, *Lincoln*

Inez Preston, *Linn*

Luzenia Arthaud, *Livingston*

Stephen and Brenda Coulson, *Macon*

The Wanda Rothweiler Family,
Marion

Sherry Cox, *Moniteau*

Robert and Mary Beth Mitchell,
Monroe

Richard and June Kasak,* *Pettis*

Fay Miller, *Pike*

Gene Stroker, *Ralls*

Ester Lee and Merlin* Riley,
Randolph

Kaye Wright, *Saline*

W. O. Poe, *Schuyler*

Denis "Deny" Clatt,* *Scotland*

The Rutter Family, *Shelby*

Ethel Rohlfing,* *St. Clair*

Joe and Virginia Habjan, *Vernon*

Frank Graham, *State Award*

Nelson Trickey, *State Award*

**posthumous award*

4-H'ers exceed pledge goal for Joplin tornado relief

4-H'ers from coast to coast responded to the Kids Helping Kids pledge to raise \$5,000 for Joplin tornado relief efforts, and with state 4-H clubs have raised \$15,568.13 to date! The Missouri 4-H

Foundation matched the first \$5,000 raised, bringing the total to \$20,568.15 raised for relief of Joplin-area 4-H members and families. It's not too late to send a check made payable to Missouri 4-H Foundation, 819 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211. Write "Kids Helping Kids-Joplin" on the memo line.



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Celebrate National 4-H Week — October 3-8, 2011!

What would your local 4-H club do with \$2,500?

The Monsanto Fund has launched “America’s Farmers Grow Communities” for the second time, giving local 4-H programs the opportunity to receive \$2,500 in unrestricted funding if they are designated as a recipient by a participating farmer.

Farmers are selected on a random basis, one per county, to award \$2,500 to a local non-profit of their choosing.

This year’s program opened August 1 and will continue until November 30, 2011; farmers in 71 Missouri counties have the opportunity to register on the Monsanto Grow Communities website. Farmers who have previously registered are encouraged to register again.

Help your local 4-H club! The more entries we have for 4-H, the greater the odds of winning in those counties.

Register now! Visit the Monsanto Fund America’s Farmers Grow Communities website: <http://www.monsanto.com/americasfarmers/Pages/grow-communities.aspx>



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With the help of supporters like you, 4-H county and state programs, camps and clubs continue to thrive. When you make a pledge or send a check in the enclosed envelope, your gift is tax-deductible.

If you do not wish to receive the 4-H Spirit in the future, please contact the foundation office at 1-800-642-8041, or by email at 4hfoundation@missouri.edu.