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The Next Sixty Years

Goppert Foundation endows new Missouri 4-H scholarship

A \$50,000 endowment from the **Goppert Foundation**, Kansas City, Mo., will provide perpetual support for 4-H youths from 10 Missouri counties to attain higher education. Beginning in 2013, young people from Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Pettis, Ray and Saline counties will be eligible for college scholarships through the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

“The Missouri 4-H success in developing both leadership skills and appreciation for community service has proven instrumental in developing character within our local youths.

We are very excited about increasing the educational opportunities to enhance the leadership development of 4-H youth in our area. These young people will be our community leaders of tomorrow,” said Billy Campbell, Goppert Foundation board member.


Through the Goppert 4-H Scholarship Fund, Missouri 4-H

youths, who learn the importance of contributing to their communities very early in their 4-H involvement, will benefit from a family that also believes giving back is important.

The Goppert family foundation was established in 1959 by the late Clarence H. Goppert, a banker and philanthropist.

The Goppert Foundation has assisted civic groups, health care facilities and educational institutions

for many years, and has been an outstanding supporter of Missouri 4-H in local communities.

“We extend our deepest gratitude to the Goppert Foundation for establishing this scholarship that will help so many young people to achieve their educational goals. There is no greater gift than the gift of education, and the Goppert family is providing this to Missouri 4-H members through the Goppert 4-H Scholarship Fund,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. 



Inside this issue...

State 4-H Council Presidents Dustin Oehle (2012) and Jack Kelley (1951) enjoy the state 4-H council alumni reunion at the Missouri State Fair. See page 6 for state fair news.



Golfers raise funds for Missouri 4-H. See photos of the Clover Classic on pages 4 and 5.

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Dear 4-H Friends,

To each of you who support Missouri 4-H through the Missouri 4-H Foundation, I want you to know what a difference you are making, and how much your loyalty is counted on and appreciated by all of us.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the **Goppert Foundation** for its dedication to Missouri 4-H members. The newly established Goppert Foundation 4-H Scholarship Fund will support college scholarships for 4-H youths in 10 western Missouri counties. There has never been a better time to support the educational endeavors of Missouri's young people, and we appreciate the confidence of the Goppert Foundation to partner with us to do this.

We are grateful to **FCS Financial** for their continued commitment to grow and strengthen Missouri agriculture through the establishment of the FCS Financial – Missouri 4-H Animal Science Fund. The fund supports the Missouri 4-H Foundation endowment initiative, *The Next Sixty Years*, to provide permanent funding for state 4-H programs. I urge you to join FCS in securing the future of Missouri 4-H through *The Next Sixty Years*.

The **William T. Kemper Foundation** has pledged \$25,000 over the next two years to support 4-H service projects in local communities across Missouri. Increased funding for these projects has made an incalculable difference in the lives of so many families, and we are grateful to the Kemper Foundation for its continued support of Missouri communities.

Monsanto Company recently extended its commitment to support Missouri 4-H dairy programming. As you know, the dairy industry continues to struggle throughout the nation; Missouri 4-H is one of the few youth organizations that focus on keeping the industry strong through dairy camps, judging events and opportunities for our youths at the national level. Thanks to Monsanto for helping us to do this and so much more.

We returned from the Missouri State Fair grateful to our friends **Leroy and Gladys Van Dyke, Ron Ditzfeld, Mike Brown, Gary McMullin and Don and Cindy Weaver** for their generous support of Missouri 4-H members through proceeds raised during the Country Gold Tour guitar auction.

Thanks to **Murphy Brothers Exposition and Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.**, for their gift of the State Fair Grand Champion Ham, and to **W & M Welding and Starline Brass** for their gift of the Grand Champion Bacon. These gifts provide unique fundraising opportunities for Missouri 4-H, and we are very grateful for them.

Whether you make an annual gift, support an endowment, or are planning to leave a legacy through your will, you are the true "Foundation" of our successes. Thank you for your continued partnership. Pledge your support today via mail, online at www.4hfoundation.edu/foundation/ or call us at 800-642-8041.

Warm regards,



Cheryl Reams
Executive Director

FCS Financial endows 4-H animal science programs

FCS Financial, a member of the Farm Credit System, has pledged \$25,000 to establish the FCS Financial – Missouri 4-H Animal Science Fund. The pledge supports the Missouri 4-H Foundation endowment initiative, *The Next Sixty Years*, which focuses on providing permanent support for University of Missouri Extension 4-H state programs.

The new fund will support animal science programs, including dairy, livestock and horse judging. These programs are essential to the future of agriculture in the state of Missouri, and are the roots of 4-H.

“Supporting our rural youth is the key to a successful Missouri,” said FCS Financial CEO Daryl Oldvader. “We are honored to be a part of *The Next Sixty Years* initiative and are committed to helping 4-H members continue their education process in the animal science field.”

“The Missouri 4-H Foundation is thrilled that FCS Financial has generously committed to continuing its support of Missouri’s rural youth through this new fund,” said Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

A longtime advocate for Missouri rural youth, FCS Financial supports Missouri 4-H at many levels. “The

scope of their support to Missouri 4-H members is phenomenal. FCS Financial provides everything from scholarships, grants and state funding to local funding and in-kind gifts, not to mention the time the organization devotes through its employees to assist 4-H. We are extremely grateful for all FCS Financial does to enhance opportunities for our youths now and in the future,” said Reams.



Dear 4-H Friends,

Hi! I'm writing to share my 4-H story. Through leadership positions and other responsibilities, I have gained more from 4-H than I could have imagined. 4-H offers so many great opportunities. I've met amazing people, not only in my club and county, but also from across the state and nation.

At the Youth Civic Leaders Summit, I learned about different leadership styles and community partnerships. I participated in a physical “challenge course” that was frightening at first, but it helped me become more confident, and encouraged me to try new things.

State 4-H Congress provides new experiences and workshops — from community service to judging the quality of beef and pork. I really pushed myself and ran for regional representative office with

the State 4-H Council. At first I did not win, but I learned a lot, tried again the next year, and succeeded.

My absolute favorite opportunity is National 4-H Congress, when hard work really pays off. The 10-page application is reviewed at the county, regional and state levels, and is followed by two interviews for selection. National 4-H Congress taught me so much about world and American cultures. 4-H has taught me a lot, especially about hard work and confidence. I am proud of who 4-H has helped me become. 4-H would not be possible without its volunteers and supporters. I encourage you to please support 4-H and make a donation to the Missouri 4-H Foundation to help fund this wonderful work.

Sincerely,

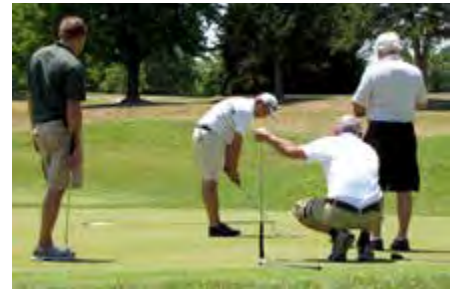
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Golfers raise funds for Missouri 4-H



George Thomas.

Players enjoyed a luncheon courtesy of Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Beef Industry Council, Sara Lee and MFA/Break-time. N.H. Scheppers Distributing Company was the beverage sponsor.

Hole and Team Sponsors included Brighton Agency, Frank and Olive Graham, Heimer & Associates, Dr. Robert E. “Bud” and Betty Hertzog, Bob and Pam Idel, Patricia Koenigsfeld, Kevin and Carol Langford, Ina Linville, Midwest Dairy Association, Missouri Agribusiness Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Soybean Programs, Diane Olson, Ozark Mountain Popcorn, Paris National Bank, Cheryl and Terry Reams, Pioneer Products of Linn and Sydenstricker of Missouri.

Players won cash and prizes donated by AgriMissouri, A.L. Gustin Golf Course, Bill and Betty Crouch, Courtyard by Marriott-Columbia, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Nelda Godfrey, Dana Haynes, Tom Henderson, Les Bourgeois Vineyards, Morgan Restaurants, the St. Louis Cardinals, Stoney Creek Inn of Columbia, University Garage and Walmart Associates of Columbia.

Cassie Reid and Joe McNary were event photographers.

Golfers hit the links for Missouri 4-H youth, raising funds at the Missouri 4-H Foundation Clover Classic Golf Tournament, held June 5 in Columbia, Mo.

“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.

Event co-chair John Raines, welcomed players on behalf of presenting sponsor **Monsanto**. “Missouri’s ag youth represent the next generation of Missouri farmers and agribusiness leaders, and Missouri 4-H is the premier development organization serving more than 300,000 youths in all 114 counties,” said Raines, “What a great way to support Missouri agriculture!”

Foursomes teed off under the



Osborn Barr CEO Michael Turley wears the official 2012 Clover Classic hat.

banner of hat sponsor **Osborn Barr**.

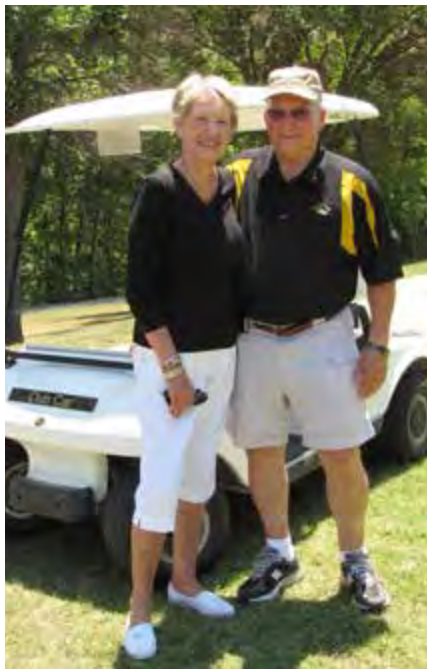
Our media friends at *Successful Farming* sent two teams and sponsored the putting contest.

Charter, Farmer’s Mutual Hail Insurance of Iowa, FCS Financial, Joplin Veterinary Hospital, Paul Rainsberger and Starline Brass were **Platinum Sponsors**.

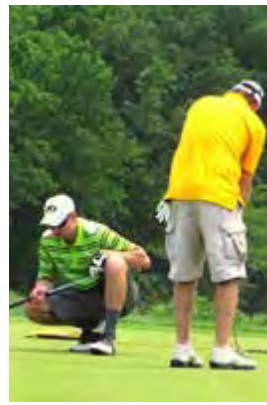
Premium Sponsors included Brownfield Network, Steve Ellis, Great American Insurance Corporation, Ina Linville, MFA Inc. Charitable Foundation, Kay Sparks and



State 4-H council members Morgan Beach and Dustin Oehl join Missouri 4-H Director Ina Linville, center, at the serving line.



Hats off to volunteers Betty and Bill Crouch, at left; to tournament co-chairs John Raines and Bob Idel, right; and to the Grill Crew — Don Nikodim, Whitney Kinne and Austin Steel.



Left, Monsanto team members gather at the club house.

Right, Kay Sparks and Pat Koenigsfeld stop to reload the beverage cart.



4-H makes news at the Missouri State Fair

Facelift updates state fair 4-H building

State fair visitors strolled the aisles of an updated 4-H building, thanks to a \$10,000 donation from the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Workers renovated the interior of the century-old building, creating optimal space and flow through display areas.

“It’s amazing what a difference the remodeling has made,” building superintendent Mary Jo Williams said. “All photograph and scrapbook projects are

showcased in one location, rather than scattered throughout the building. Changing the configuration of the central display units allowed projects to be displayed in a more pleasing manner. Most importantly, fairgoers noticed the changes. We are very grateful to the 4-H Foundation for providing the funds for this project.” 🍀

“Celebrate Then and Wow!” displays 4-H memorabilia at the Missouri State Fair.



4-H friends make gifts of champion ham and bacon

Thanks to **Murphy Brothers Exposition** and **Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.**, for their gift of the State Fair Grand Champion Ham, auctioned at the State Fair Governor’s Ham Breakfast. Our friends at **Starline Brass** and **W & M Welding** made the winning bid for the Grand Champion Bacon, and donated it to Missouri 4-H.



to benefit 4-H and FFA youth in agriculture. Through auctions across the nation, Van Dyke, a Missouri 4-H Foundation trustee, has raised more than \$100,000 in donations.

“We very much appreciate the Van

Dykes’ time and effort to support this unique event,” said Cheryl Reams, executive director of the Missouri 4-H Foundation. “In addition to the funds raised, the auction brings heightened awareness to Missouri 4-H and the Missouri 4-H Foundation.” 🍀

Guitar auction raises \$5,000 for Missouri 4-H

Missouri 4-H will benefit from \$10,000 raised at the Country Gold Tour charity guitar auction. Sedalia business owners made generous bids on the autographed guitar. Ron Ditzfeld of **Ditzfeld Transfer, Inc.** and Don and Cindy Weaver of **Don’s Towing** won the first round

of bidding at \$5,000, and donated the guitar for a second round. Mike Brown of **B&P Excavating** and Gary McMullin of **W & M Welding** took the guitar with a \$5,000 bid.

Gladys and Leroy Van Dyke started the guitar auctions in 2005



Photo by Amanda Stapp

Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame honors 53 4-H legacies

Making the best better for generations of Missouri 4-H'ers, fifty-three 4-H luminaries joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, held August 18 at the State Fair Community College campus. Inductees from 43 counties established a legacy totaling 1,600 years of service to 4-H. Family members and friends attended the sixth annual event.

2012 Inductees and counties:

Lyle Houts, *Atchison County*
 Barbara Stewart, *Barry*
 Bill and Sheri Keltner, *Barton*
 The late Walter Hearting, *Bates*
 Barb Oakley, *Boone*
 Linda Vey, *Buchanan*
 Linda McElwee, *Caldwell*
 Glenn Coleman, *Cass*

Beverly Hasner, *Clark*
 Margaret Bray, *Clinton*
 The late Clarence and Evelyn Loesch, *Cole*
 Patricia Campbell, *Cooper*
 John Saunders, *DeKalb*
 Maryellen Davis, *Franklin*
 Paula E. Sager, *Gentry*
 Leonard and Esther Hackman, *Howard*
 The late Gary Fletcher, *Jackson*
 Richard and Joyce Dawson, *Jasper*
 Marte M. Carter, *Johnson*
 Gary and Billie Schuette, *Lafayette*
 Ronnie and Janet Adams, *Lawrence*
 Flee Feeds, *Lewis*
 Diane Suchland, *Lincoln*
 Darla Snyder, *Linn*
 Jim Donoho, *Livingston*
 Roylynn Rowe, *Macon*

Kenny and Janet Lovelace, *Marion*
 Diane Cole, *Moniteau*
 The late Jacquie Stuart, *Monroe*
 Jo Ann Hill, *Osage*
 Teresa and the late Anthony Simon, *Pettis*
 Deidre Martin, *Pike*
 Sandra Ross, *Putnam*
 Ruth Calcaterra, *Ralls*
 Sam and Ethel Messer, *Randolph*
 The late Faye Melson, *Ripley*
 Pat Werneke, *Saline*
 Bruce and Linda Jackson, *Schuyler*
 Bruce Childress, *Scotland*
 Marilyn Simpson, *Shelby*
 Delbert Burrow, *St. Clair*
 The late John Brehmer, *Stoddard*
 Wayne Chazelle, *Washington* 🍀

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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.



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Kemper Foundation underwrites 4-H community gardens



Sparta New Horizons 4-H Club members gather herbs in their 4-H Showcase Garden, located in Christian County.

4-H clubs and their communities will get a boost from the William T.

and perennial flowers. The young gardeners enjoyed harvesting crops

Kemper Foundation, through a \$25,000 two-year grant for community service projects.

Shown left, the Sparta New Horizons 4-H Club launched a Showcase Garden last spring. Enthusiastic club members planted vegetables, fruit trees, herbs

and sharing their knowledge with fellow students, according to their mentor, 4-H Youth Program Assistant Kathryn Workman.

Through the Missouri 4-H Foundation community grant program, 4-H youths identify community partners, secure match funds, and put sweat equity into service projects. Clubs and 4-H councils may apply for up to \$1,000 funding for community gardens, civic improvements and human-service projects.

Since 2004, the William T. Kemper Foundation of Kansas City has supported improvements in communities across Missouri, with grants totaling \$105,000.