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## New partnership supports 4-H clubs

*Crader Distributing Co. to support community service grants*

**C**rader Distributing Co. and **Stihldealers.com** have announced a new partnership with the Missouri 4-H Foundation that will provide community service grant funding to 4-H faculty, county 4-H councils and 4-H clubs throughout the state of Missouri.

“We are committed to the growth, prosperity and stability of the community as a whole,” said Stan Crader, president of Crader Distributing Co. “We see this as an exciting new opportunity to extend our support to families throughout Missouri, while encouraging Missouri youth to take an active role in community service and civic engagement.”

Founded in 1944 in Marble Hill, Missouri Crader Distributing Co. is a family-owned business and the exclusive distributor of Stihl outdoor power equipment in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and southern Illinois. Along with its sister organization, Blue Mountain Equipment, which services Texas and Oklahoma, CDC provides Stihl outdoor power equipment to more than 1,300 dealers throughout the Midwest.

Missouri 4-H youths learn the importance of giving back to their communities early on in their 4-H involvement.



*Perry County 4-H Teen Council member Hannah Huber gathers food donations for a local food pantry as part of her group's community service project.*

Through this generous new partnership, 4-H youths will be eligible for grants to match funding for service learning projects in their local communities

“We are deeply grateful to Crader Distributing Co. for their generous support of the Missouri 4-H Foundation’s community service grant program,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation executive director Cheryl Reams. “Service learning is a key component of the Missouri 4-H program and these projects have a lasting impact on 4-H members and the communities they serve.”

The foundation’s community service grant program also receives ongoing support from **DuPont Pioneer**. 



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*Incorporated in 1949, the mission of the Missouri 4-H Foundation is to secure and manage financial resources to enhance and expand the Missouri 4-H program.*

*Dear 4-H Friends,*

As another busy summer winds down, all of us at the Missouri 4-H Foundation and our board of trustees extend our deepest appreciation to each of you for your support of Missouri 4-H. Whether you are a new supporter or a longtime partner, you are the reason that Missouri 4-H is able to continue developing tomorrow's leaders.

There has been a lot of change at the foundation over the past year. Linda Rock and Kristen Heitkamp both retired, and Jeremy Wrinkle, our administrative assistant who was responsible for the foundation's accounting, received his master's degree. We welcomed Chris Willow, who replaced Linda; Rachel Augustine, who replaced Kristen; and Deana Brown-Hood, who replaced Jeremy. We're truly fortunate to have this new and very talented team working on behalf of 4-H, and we're fortunate to have retained Jeremy, who has taken on a new role within the foundation assisting with resource development. I'm excited about and proud of all of the good things this team has accomplished in a few short months, and I know there is much more to come!

We are very pleased that Crader Distributing Co., the exclusive distributor of Stihl Outdoor Power Equipment in the Midwest — located in Marble Hill, Mo. — has decided to support the foundation's community service grant program. They've demonstrated a commitment to Missouri's youth through this vital program that teaches young people the importance of giving back through service learning. With their support, the foundation will continue to provide much needed grant funding to 4-H clubs and councils across the state to plan and implement projects that have long-lasting impacts in their local communities, while instilling positive youth development.

An exciting new project with a longtime partner has developed over the past few months. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri 4-H Foundation are in the initial phase of a study involving many of Missouri's unstaffed shooting ranges across the state. Missouri is a national leader in providing free, publicly-owned shooting ranges. On Jan. 1, Missouri 4-H will begin seeking public input on the available services and usage of MDC shooting ranges. The information gathered from this survey is critical in identifying and managing the resources necessary to maintain safe and convenient facilities for hunters and shooters to practice and improve their skills. Missouri 4-H is a national leader in youth shooting sports with a significant interest in the quality of the experience at the shooting ranges in our state, so we're very pleased to implement this important study on behalf of MDC and the public.

Thanks so much to each of you for partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation. Please continue your annual or endowed support today! Call us at **800-642-8041**, or visit us online at [4h.missouri.edu/foundation](http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation).

Warm Regards,

Cheryl Reams  
Executive Director

# New study focuses on Missouri shooting ranges

*MDC partners with the Missouri 4-H Foundation for Unstaffed Shooting Range Survey*

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation to begin seeking public input on the available services and usage of MDC's unstaffed shooting ranges across the state.

Missouri is a national leader in providing free, publicly-owned shooting ranges with MDC maintaining 70 unstaffed ranges. MDC is partnering with the Missouri 4-H Foundation for a year-long survey, beginning Jan. 1, where 4-H staff will ask range shooters to participate in a brief exit survey, which includes a series of questions about their experiences using the ranges. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary.

"The mission of the Missouri Department of Conservation's range program is to provide a safe place to practice shooting and archery skills for Missouri citizens," said MDC Hunting Education and Shooting Range Coordinator Kyle Lairmore. "The survey will assist the department with a better understanding of the needs of citizens using the ranges so we can consider our long-term shooting range plan."

MDC partnered with Missouri 4-H for the survey because of their interest and long-standing involvement in promoting shooting sports across the state. User exit surveys will be conducted at approximately 40 MDC unstaffed shooting ranges from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2015.

**"Missouri 4-H is a national leader in youth shooting sports with a significant interest in the quality of the experience at the shooting ranges in our state."**

**Cheryl Reams**  
Executive Director  
Missouri 4-H Foundation

"We're very pleased to implement this important program on behalf of MDC and the public," said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. "We encourage range users to

participate in this survey to help MDC to continue providing the best facilities for our states' hunting and shooting enthusiasts."

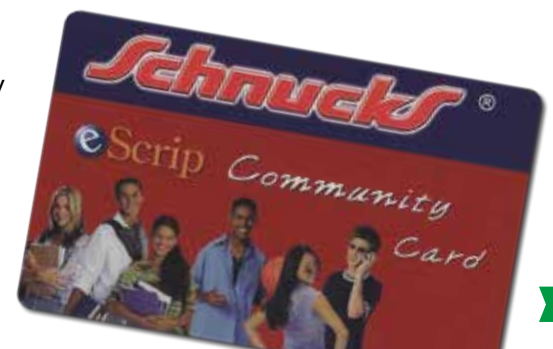
For more than 70 years, MDC has worked closely with Missouri 4-H leading programs covering youth hunter safety training, wildlife education, water facts, fishing skills and boat safety. For their contributions to Missouri 4-H, MDC was honored with the Friend of 4-H award in 1977 and the Missouri 4-H Foundation Nelson Trickey Bridge Builder award in 2013. Their support continues today in all 4-H outdoor education and natural resource programs.

MDC maintains five staffed and 70 unstaffed facilities around the state to provide safe, family-friendly places to practice shooting and archery skills. For more information about MDC shooting ranges, including locations, hours and driving directions, visit <http://mdc.mo.gov/node/6209>. ❁



## Did you know?

Schnucks grocery stores will donate a portion of your monthly purchase to the Missouri 4-H Foundation. All you have to do is **call us at 1-800-642-8041** and we will mail you an activated card. Then, simply present your card at checkout and a percentage of your purchase goes to Missouri 4-H!





## 4-H Clover Classic benefits Missouri 4-H'ers

Golfers competed for charity at the fifth annual Missouri 4-H Foundation Clover Classic Golf Tournament, held June 3 at A. L. Gustin Golf Course in Columbia. Co-presenting sponsors were **Monsanto** and **Great American Insurance Group-Crop Division**.

"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,"



Teams from across the state gathered in support of Missouri 4-H Youth. Among the teams competing for prizes were CenturyLink (top) and MFA (bottom).

said Cheryl Reams, Missouri 4-H Foundation executive director.

John Raines, co-chair and ambassador for Monsanto, welcomed players and introduced special guest, Richard Fordyce, director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Fordyce spoke about the importance of youth agricultural education, highlighting the Missouri 4-H program, before challenging players to compete on behalf of Missouri 4-H youth. **Teams from across the state met and exceeded the goal, raising nearly \$25,000 for Missouri 4-H programs.** Prize winners of the Championship

Flight were "Team 21" and "Agricultural and Applied Economics." A-Flight winners were "4-H Director's Team" and "CenturyLink."

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

Clover Classic platinum sponsors were FCS Financial, Rain and Hail, LLC, and Tom and Sandy Henderson.

Premium sponsors included DuPont Pioneer, Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance Co. of Iowa, MFA Inc., Ina Linville, Kay Sparks and George Thomas.

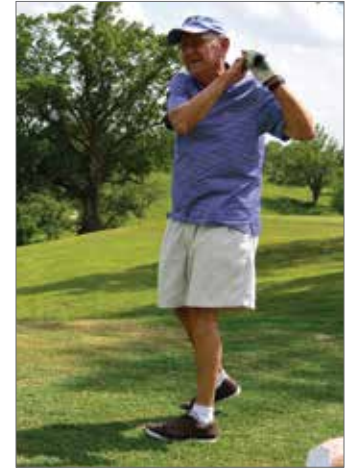
Players enjoyed a

luncheon courtesy of the Missouri Pork Association, Jack's Gourmet Restaurant, Hy-Vee, Lutz's Famous BBQ, and MFA-Breathtime. N. H. Scheppers Distributing Co. was the beverage sponsor.

Hole and team sponsors included Brighton Agency, Brownfield Ag News, CF Industries, FCS Financial-Crop Insurance Team, Bill and Betty Crouch, DTN/The Progressive Farmer, Edward Jones/David A. Reid, Darrell and Nelda Godfrey, Olive Graham in memory of Frank Graham, Heimer and Associates, Inc., Robert E. "Bud" Hertzog, Joan Hickman, Bob and Pam Idel, Patricia Koenigsfeld, Carol and Kevin Langford, Ina Linville, Brock and Nancy Lutz, Midwest Dairy Association, Missouri Agribusiness Association, Missouri Beef Industry Council/Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation, Missouri Geographic Alliance, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Ruralist/Farm Progress, Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, Diane Olson, Ozark Mountain Popcorn, Pioneer/Stephen G. Morfeld, Paul Rainsberger, the Reams family, Linda Scorse, Starline Brass, Inc., and Marla Tobin.

Players won cash and prizes donated by A. L. Gustin Golf Course, AgriMissouri, Branson/Lakes Area CVB, Dick's Sporting Goods, Les Bourgeois Vineyards, Missouri Farm Bureau Federation,





Above: Richard Fordyce with Clover Classic co-chairs John Raines and Bob Idel (top left), Team 21 (bottom left) and Obsorn Barr (bottom right).

Missouri State Fair, Pro Am Golf, PRP Wine International, School House Bed and Breakfast, St. Louis Cardinals, University Garage, Wal-Mart Associates of Columbia, and White Mule Winery and Bed and Breakfast.

The Clover Classic committee was led by co-chairs Bob Idel and John Raines, and included Rachel Augustine, Bill Crouch, Tom Henderson, Jerilyn Johnson, Patricia Koenigsfeld, Cheryl Reams, Kay Sparks, George Thomas and Marla Tobin. 🍀



Volunteers and staff came out to support the tournament including (from left) 4-H Youth Specialist Kay Sparks, Foundation Trustee Pat Koenigsfeld, state staff member Dustin Oehl, and Foundation Trustee George Thomas.

## Foundation honors volunteers' contributions to 4-H

The Missouri 4-H Foundation recognized 30 individuals and one organization for their commitment to the University of Missouri Extension's 4-H Youth Development program. The 2014 Naomi Crouch and Frank Graham Volunteer Leadership Awards were presented during the foundation's spring meeting.

### Naomi Crouch Award Recipients

Kristy Eggleston-Wood, *Scotland*  
Ann Wideman, *Ralls*  
Community State Bank, *Pike*

### Frank Graham Award Recipients

Shelly Cox, *Andrew*  
Ann Barnes, *Audrain*  
Tina Davis, *Audrain*  
Betty Shalk, *Butler*  
Anita Reid, *Carroll*  
Cheryl Crudup, *Cass*  
Keith Debrot, *Cass*  
Paula Thornley, *Henry*  
Connie and Sam Coy, *Howard*  
David Wells, *Howard*  
Jennifer Chandler, *Jasper*  
Tina Bergsieker, *Lafayette*  
Louise Wyssmann, *Lafayette*  
Janet Adams, *Lawrence*  
Mike Henderson, *Lewis*  
Kenneth White, *Lincoln*  
Elizabeth Zuroweste, *Lincoln*  
Cheryl Buckman, *Marion*  
Kathy Nicholson, *Marion*  
Mary Beth and Bob Mitchell, *Monroe*  
Shari Niemeyer, *Pike*  
Lori Robinson, *Ralls*  
Gerry Snapp, *Saline*  
Vanessa Triplett, *Scotland*  
Kelly and Leslie Wilt, *Shelby*

## Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame



“Making the best better” for generations of 4-H’ers, 54 volunteers joined the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame on Aug. 9 at the State Fair Community College campus in Sedalia. Inductees from 41 counties bring with them a total of 1,566 years of volunteer service to the hall of fame. More than 300 family members and friends attended the eighth annual event for which counties nominated individuals for outstanding volunteer work in local 4-H programs.

“These leaders have made exceptional contributions to the lives of Missouri 4-H members,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams.

Sam Carneal, *Andrew*  
Leland Hanneken, *Audrain*  
Donald and Wilma Mc Kibben,  
*Barton*  
Anna Lou Engelhardt, *Bates*  
Mary Westermier, *Benton*  
Helen Whitlock, *Buchanan*  
Virginia Howell, *Caldwell*  
Rodney Garnett, *Callaway*  
Candy Schlueter, *Carroll*  
John Vic Grice, *Cass*  
Larry Young, Kohoka Meat  
Processors, *Clark*  
Rosalie Ingle, *Clinton*  
James Jay Wilbers, *Cole*  
Ann Lenz, *Cooper*  
Marilyn Eckelkamp, *Franklin*  
Gary and Jane Peanick, *Gasconade*  
Sherry Kelley, *Greene*  
Les and Betty Spickard, *Grundy*  
David and Laura Henny, *Henry*  
Mike and Pat Cloud, *Jasper*  
Kenneth and Marilyn Parsons,  
*Johnson*

Mary Jane Bergman, *Lafayette*  
Marilyn Calvin, *Lawrence*  
Kevin Cary\*, *Lewis*  
John Northcutt, *Lincoln*  
Doris Liebhart, *Linn*  
William Bagley, *Livingston*  
Shari Bibbs, *Macon*  
Don and Kathy Nicholson, *Marion*  
Mike and Julann McLaughlin,  
*Monroe*  
Geraldyn Kleffner, *Osage*  
Karl and Ruth Ann Darby, *Pettis*  
Chris Niemeyer, *Pike*  
Robert and Karen Houf, *Putnam*  
Terry and Joy Hoyt, *Ralls*  
Arthur Ray and Clara Heath,  
*Randolph*  
Kim Vogel, *Saline*  
Randy Ward, *Scotland*  
Jan Beach, *Shelby*  
Barbara Haverland, *St. Clair*  
Neal and Connie Gerster, *Vernon*

\*Posthumous award



## Contributions help increase college scholarships



Jo Turner (left) and her sister Carol Turner (right) presented the Waldo and Mary Belle Turner 4-H Youth Futures scholarship to recipient Jonathon Julian (center).

Thanks to the generous contributions of our 4-H donors, in 2014 the Missouri 4-H Foundation awarded 63 college scholarships totaling \$68,050 to 4-H members across the state.

The foundation awarded three new scholarships this year: the **Waldo and Mary Belle Turner Endowed 4-H Scholarship**, the **Robert and Anna Noland 4-H Scholarship** and the **James H. and Kittie Reams 4-H Scholarship**.

Retired 4-H Program Director L. Jo Turner and her sisters, Carol Turner and Anne Elkins, established the Waldo and Mary Belle Turner Endowed 4-H Scholarship in memory of their parents Waldo and Mary Belle. They said “Our parents believed in the power of education to open doors and transform lives. Both were active community volunteers in 4-H, church, school and in many other organizations. A Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarship was the ideal way to

honor them and continue their legacy of service. We chose to support the 4-H Youth Futures program since it strives to make college accessible to young people with personal and financial challenges. Our dream is that the recipients of the Waldo and Mary Belle Turner 4-H Scholarship will continue to ‘pay it forward,’ with their own commitment to generosity and service.”

The Robert and Anna Noland 4-H Scholarship was established in honor of the Noland family.

Robert was a Jackson County 4-H member in the 1930s, and both he and Anna were 4-H leaders when their children, Bill, John, Kathy and Doug, as well as their grandchildren, Becky, Josh and Laura, were members. Anna continues to support her great-grandchildren, Tucker and Garrett, with their 4-H involvement. “4-H has enabled the Noland family to explore the world, fulfill personal career goals and remain committed to service to the community,” said Kathy Bondy, daughter of Robert and Anna Noland. The family hopes this scholarship will help other young people on their journey to achieve their dreams and goals.

Brothers Michael, Terry and Brian Reams established the James H. and Kittie Reams 4-H Scholarship in honor of their parents, Junior and Kittie. They said “Our parents knew no strangers and adored young people. They were well known for their generosity and love of helping others. When we were children, we were very involved with equine activities. Our parents

continued working with young people, especially those involved with equine activities, long after we grew up. We continue to hear from so many about the positive impact our parents had on them. We want to honor their memory by helping young people through a Missouri 4-H Foundation scholarship because we know what a difference this can make in a young person’s life, and that’s what brought our parents so much joy.” ❁

## 4-H Foundation welcomes new staff



From left: Deana Brown-Hood, Jeremy Wrinkle and Chris Willow.

**Chris Willow** joined the Missouri 4-H Foundation in April 2014 as the administrative assistant and **Deana Brown-Hood** joined the foundation in July 2014 as the accountant. Deana replaces **Jeremy Wrinkle**, who was promoted to advancement associate in June 2014.

“We’re truly fortunate to have this new and very talented team working on behalf of Missouri 4-H,” said Missouri 4-H Foundation Executive Director Cheryl Reams. ❁



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## Dairy Judging team excels in international competitions

The Missouri 4-H Dairy Judging Team continued their tradition of excellence by placing second in two international dairy judging contests as part of the 2014 International Dairy Judging Tour of Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

The team, which includes Tucker Peterson, Steven Nelson, Bailee Whitehead and Brittany Groves, competed with other winning 4-H, FFA and intercollegiate teams at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland, and at a competition in Charleville, Ireland, placing second in both competitions. In addition, they toured dairy farms, agricultural industries, and other local interest sites, providing a varied cultural opportunity for the team.

“Our team really embraced this opportunity to travel and have these new experiences,” said Karla Deaver, 4-H youth development specialist. “Not only did they see agriculture and the dairy industry in



*From left: Tucker Peterson, Steven Nelson, Bailee Whitehead and Brittany Groves.*

another part of the world, they also developed lifelong friendships with members of the tour from other states,” said Deaver.

Thanks to everyone who made this trip possible through their contributions. The team continues to receive ongoing support from **Monsanto Company**, **FCS Financial**, the **Missouri Holstein Association** and the **Missouri Dairy Association** in partnership with the **Missouri 4-H Foundation**.