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Farm Credit Services Partners With 4-H Camp Palmer



Picture Caption: (left to right) Jill Stechschulte, Ohio State University Extension Educator, Fulton County and President of 4-H Camp Palmer Board of Trustees; and Melanie Straits and Nick Sheets, Financial Services Officers, representing Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Fulton County Office.

Sixty years has come and passed at 4-H Camp Palmer. It is amazing that the dreams and visions of Ohio State University Extension county agents and 4-H volunteers, which began with the purchase of land in 1946 and the first 4-H camps in 1947, would lead us to where we are today. Now these 60 years later, the initial 500 campers have become 6,000. Tent camping has become 12 heated cabins and a beautiful Woodland Lodge. The 16.3 acres have become 158 acres with flushing toilets and a forced main sewer system. With these improvements 4-H Camp Palmer has continued to operate on camp fees alone. As the camp and those initial improvements age, the call comes for updates, replacement and broadening horizons. Environmental education has become increasingly important as the world considers global warming, water quality issues, wild animal populations and recycling. Farm Credit Services of Mid-America has pledged \$25,000.00 over three years to 4-H Camp Palmer to ensure that 4-H Camp Palmer grows to meet the ever-changing needs of our society so that we may continue to teach and provide life skill development and outdoor education for another 60 years and beyond. Farm credit Services has seized the opportunity to become a partner in the valuable work of developing future leaders to ensure the future of 4-H Camp Palmer.

The donation represents Farm Credit's commitment to allocate stewardship dollars to programs that build leadership and encourage teamwork in rural America's youth. Farm Credit Services, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky, gives back to local communities through its Farm Credit Services Support for Agriculture Stewardship Program implemented this year with the endorsement of the cooperative board's 18 members. The program targets funds to agricultural projects and educational initiatives, giving priority to youth and young farmers.

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America is a \$12 billion financial service cooperative serving over 81,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. The association, which celebrated its 90th anniversary serving rural America last year, provide loans for all farm and rural living purposes including real estate, operating, equipment and housing and related services such as crop and life insurance and vehicle, equipment and building leases. For more information about Farm Credit, call 1-800-444-3276.

Telephone Book Recycle

The Metamora Campus Center of Northwest State Community College is partnering with Lott Industries to provide recycling for telephone books. Bring your outdated telephone book to the Metamora Campus Center at 310 Swanton Street, Metamora, Ohio until April 25. Questions? Call Cheryl Geer at 419-644-9000.

Calamity Days

As of this writing, March 11, 2008 the Evergreen Local Schools have missed seven (7) school days due to weather conditions. The state requires schools to make up all days missed after five (5) days missed. This means that for the 2007-08 school year we will be making up 2 days so far. The present make-up days are Friday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 27. If additional days are missed during the remainder of this school year, make up days will be May 28, 29, 30 etc.

Changes in Chesterfield Township

Several years ago, the Board of Election contacted Chesterfield Township trustees to inform them that residents in Chesterfield Township would lose their voting precinct unless the current office area used for voting was brought up to code. Chesterfield Township is an agricultural/rural estate township. Within the township boundaries no building exists that would meet the Board of Election's requirements.

Trustees investigated the cost of remodeling the existing office space to bring it up to code. The cost for such renovations were prohibitive, so trustees began considering construction of a new office attached to a garage space large enough to house the township's equipment and allow enough room to do maintenance work inside the building.

Over the past five years trustees have been saving estate tax settlements to be applied to the cost of the building. Trustees have also applied for money from the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) three times over the past few years. In order to qualify for this grant, communities must have a LMI (low-moderate income) designation from the 2000 census which Chesterfield Township does. In 2006, Chesterfield Township was awarded \$60,000.00 to be used for this project. In 2007, trustees were ready to apply again, when rule changes made additional CDBG money unavailable for the project.

Trustees found that Gas Tax money could be used for the garage portion of the building. So trustees applied for CDBG money to use in a road project for 2008 which freed up money for the garage portion of the building. Currently, trustees have funds to cover the entire cost of the building.

Last week bids were opened and by the Presidential election in November, 2008, Chesterfield Township residents will be voting in a newly constructed office building that meets all of the Board of Election requirements for housing a voting precinct.

At the end of October, 2007, just as plans were being finalized for the building, Jerry Bates, trustee for almost 12 years, died unexpectedly. Jerry Bates gave much time and energy to Chesterfield Township and its roads. His experience and knowledge of roads will be missed. According to the Ohio Revised Code Trustees needed to appoint a replacement within 30 days to fill Bates' unexpired term and to fill two years of the new term to begin January 1, 2008. Trustees Paul Holman and Jim Stubbins contacted Clark Emmons to consider filling the vacancy. Holman and Stubbins felt Emmons was qualified since he had taken out a petition, had been on the ballot in 2005, though not elected. Clark Emmons was sworn in November 26, 2007

Kindergarten Registration

If you missed the dates for Kindergarten Registration, you can stop in the office to register your child for the 2008-2009 school year. State law now requires kindergarten attendance prior to 1st grade. **Children reaching the age of five on or before August 1, 2007 should be registered.** An appointment for kindergarten screening during the month of May will be made at registration. Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records, SS# card, and any custody papers. Proof of residency in the Evergreen School District can be verified by one of the following: a driver's license or state I.D. card, a copy of a deed or escrow papers, a lease agreement, a recent utility bill, a payroll stub, or a currently active

Ohio Fair Managers Convention

This past January, thirteen Fulton County Junior Fair Board members, their advisors and the Senior Fair Board took a trip down to Columbus to learn more about effectively running our fair. There were many sessions to attend throughout the day. Each session had something different to learn to help improve our fairs. Some sessions were; Cloverbuds at the fair, Podium Power, Sr. and Jr. Fair Board working relationships, Quality Assurance and Team Building. The trade show was a great thing to see. There were tons of booths with companies advertising their products with anything from bumper stickers to live animal entertainment. All together everyone who went to the convention was able to learn to know each other better and improve their leadership skills. Members who attended include: Marisa Zuchowski, Zach Franz, Karac Johnson, Miranda Blaylock, Courtney Sommer, Lucas Garrow, Lizzie Hoge, Jessica Meller, Jonathon Hoffmann, Betsy Porter, Cyrus Porter, Marissa Blohm, Bobby Krauss, Sr. Fair Board Advisors; Al & Nancy Garrow, Jill Stechschulte, Ohio State University Extension Educator.

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