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NOW HIRING: 4-H Youth Development Program Associate

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Stoddard County, MO - Looking for a great part-time job? 4-H Youth Development Associate position is now available in Stoddard County.

Twenty (20) hours per week.

Required qualifications are an Associates' Degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience and some experience from which comparable knowledge and skills can be acquired.

The 4-H Youth Program Associate will assist in the planning, management, and support of 4-H Youth Development programs under the guidance and supervision of the 4-H Youth Development Specialist.

Starting salary \$12.04 per hour. Training provided.

Must have transportation with mileage paid.

To apply click HERE.

Applications will be accepted until filled.

Job Description

The University of Missouri (MU) Office of Extension and Engagement's distinct land-grant mission is to improve lives, communities and economies by producing relevant, reliable and responsive educational strategies throughout Missouri. Our dedicated and knowledgeable faculty and staff collaborate with researchers and community leaders to develop and deliver programs that address the needs of Missourians including: educational attainment; environmental concerns; community, economic, business and workforce development; global food systems; and health systems. For more information about MU Extension and Engagement, please visit https://extension2.missouri.edu/.

The University of Missouri Extension 4-H Center for Youth Development provides leadership and expertise with developing communities of young people across Missouri who are learning citizenship, leadership, and life skills. 4-H is publicly supported by county, state, and federal partners, as well as private resources to enrich the learning experiences of both youth and adults. For more information about 4-H, visit http://4h.missouri.edu/.

This position will assist in the planning, management and support of 4-H Youth Development programs in assigned geographic area, under the guidance and supervision of the 4-H Youth Development Specialist.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Advocate for positive youth development in the community and MU Extension.

Promote and market expanding 4-H programs, including reaching new audiences with school partnerships and events open to the public.

Assist in the implementation of a total volunteer management system.

Assist in teaching youth development and selected subject matter.

Assist in the management of financial and in-kind resources.

Coordinate and/or conduct educational events, contests, camps, and programs utilizing a positive youth development approach.

Report accomplishments and impacts to appropriate sources including supervisor, funders and stakeholders.

Assist with record keeping and report preparation of 4-H Youth Development Programs.

Ensure that all the youth and adults in the county have an equal opportunity to participate in extension programs.

Participate in training and professional development opportunities for continued in knowledge, skills and abilities as it is related to the 4-H Youth Development program

Conduct all activities in accordance with the Civil Rights Acts, Title IX, Rehabilitation, Americans with Disabilities Act and local, state and region affirmative action plans.

As with all positions, involvement with other duties and responsibilities may be expected in order to support the mission and purpose of MU Extension.

LEADERSHIP RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Administrative supervision is received from the assigned County Engagement Specialist in 4-H Youth Development. This position is not responsible for supervision.

CORE ATTRIBUTES FOR MU EXTENSION STAFF

Exhibit a high personal standard of excellence, be an effective team player, and demonstrate inclusivity, civility and respect for all.

Engage stakeholders and learners; maintain positive interpersonal relationships, and exhibit effective written and oral communication skills.

Operate with minimal guidance, and be a self-directed learner who is flexible and adaptable to changing environments.

Ensure all youth and adults in the county have an equal opportunity to participate in extension programs which offer a safe environment.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

The University of Missouri, also known as Mizzou and MU, is the Flagship University of the four-campus University of Missouri system. It is the state's land-grant university and one of the most comprehensive universities in the United States. MU's broad undergraduate programs and its' graduate, professional and research programs attract annual enrollment of more than 30,000 students. MU is centrally located in Columbia, MO, which is consistently ranked as one of America's most livable cities. MU Extension and Engagement programs are located on all four campuses and in 114 counties and St. Louis city.

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The U.S. 51 Ohio River bridge between Cairo, Illinois, and Wickliffe, Kentucky, will close for approximately 30 days starting Saturday to allow for repairs and maintenance to the bridge deck and the Kentucky approach to the span.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced over the weekend the bridge will close "promptly at 6:30 a.m." Saturday and will remain closed until "around Aug. 31."

According to Kentucky highway officials, the closure will allow for extensive maintenance along a nearly 2-mile section of the Kentucky approach and will enable workers to complete an ongoing deck maintenance project this summer.

The closure will also allow for what the Kentucky highway department described as "critical work" to be completed on the leading to and through a 90-degree curve on the Kentucky side of the bridge approach.

Placement of a concrete latex overlay along the curve would have required the bridge to be closed to truck traffic for an extended period, while closing the bridge to all traffic will allow all of the work to be completed more quickly and efficiently, the highway department said.

Also known as the Cairo Bridge, the 84-year-old span carries U.S. 51, U.S. 60 and U.S. 62 traffic across the Ohio River. A recent traffic count indicated 7,000 vehicles cross the bridge daily. About 35% of the traffic consists of commercial trucks.

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MO Dept of Agriculture Asks Residents to Report Unsolicited Seed Shipments

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MO Dept of Agriculture Asks Residents to Report Unsolicited Seed Shipments

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has received reports from residents of unsolicited seeds being delivered from foreign countries such as China and surrounding areas. Missouri's announcement follows several states who have also reported packages of these seeds being delivered across the United States. Consistent with nationwide reports, the packages were labeled as jewelry, specifically stud earrings, bracelets and other accessories.

It is important to take steps to prevent the introduction of invasive species into Missouri to ensure safety of the environment, livestock and plants. The full risk associated with the seeds in question is unknown at this time. However, the seeds could be an invasive species that has the potential to destroy native plants and damage crops. Invasive species can also introduce diseases to plants and may be harmful to livestock.

If Missouri residents have received unsolicited seeds, the following guidance applies:

Do not open the seed package.

Do not plant the seeds if you have opened the package.

Submit an online report to USDA verifying you have received unsolicited seeds.

Do not dispose of the seeds, packages or envelopes until USDA provides further guidance.

The Missouri Department of Agriculture is playing a cooperative role in USDA's investigation; however, USDA is leading the effort from the federal level. USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is also working closely with the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protect U.S. agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

If opened, place seeds in a sealed bag and contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Plant Industries Division by phone at (573) 751-2462

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First Midwest Announces Changes to Online Bill Pay Experience

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First Midwest Announces Changes to Online Bill Pay Experience

First Midwest is pleased to announce exciting changes to your Online Bill Pay experience! These updates will go live on Monday, August 10, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, August 3: Any payments due between August 3-10 must be scheduled BEFORE August 3. You will not be able to initiate payments from August 3-10, however rest assured all previously scheduled payments will still be paid during that time.

Monday, August 10: You will login to your updated Bill Pay account through FMB Online Banking and select the Bill Pay tab. You will no longer need two separate credentials! Previous bill pay history and payee information will be available.

Your Bill Pay account will include the same functionality and security plus new features, including:

P2P Payments

Person-to-person payments will allow you to transfer funds to anyone in real-time, with multiple layers of fraud protection built in.

PicturePay

This feature will allow you to pay bills by simply taking a photo of your bill and entering the amount due. Your payee will be added to your Bill Pay account automatically.

A2A Payments

Account-to-account payments will allow you to securely move your funds between financial institutions in real-time.

Vault

This is an electronic safety deposit box where you can save and search for bills, receipts, insurance documents, and more. Keep your documents secure in our trusted digital environment.

If you have any questions about the new and improved Bill Pay solution, please visit **www.onemidwest.com/BillPay**, call (573) 624-3571, or visit your local bank.

Click HERE for WEBSITE!

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Route Z in Stoddard County will be closed as contractor crews replace the bridge over Drainage Ditch # 4.

This section of roadway is located between County Road 733 and County Road 741, near Bernie, Missouri.

Weather permitting, work will begin Monday, Aug. 3, with completion anticipated Wednesday, Sept. 16.

This bridge is included in Gov. Mike Parson's \$351 million Focus on Bridges program, which will repair or replace 250 bridges across the state.

The work zone will be marked with signs. Motorists are urged to use extreme caution while traveling near the area.

For additional information, please contact Resident Engineer Donald Hills at

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