



National 4-H History Preservation Program

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On this Day in 4-H History

August 15 - 1974. 4-H exceeds seven million members for the first time in its history, largely as a result of the large enrollment in the 4-H television series, Mulligan Stew.

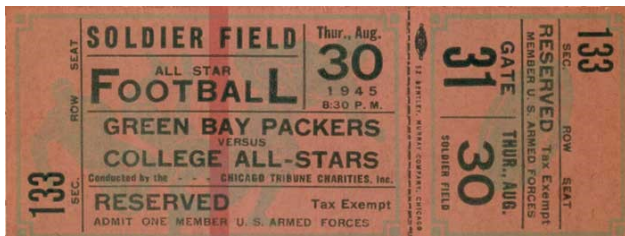
August 30 - 1959. Dedication of "Daddy Jenks Memorial Park" at National 4-H Center by Maryland Chapter, 4-H Club All Stars, in honor of Edward G. Jenkins, Maryland State 4-H Club Leader.

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4-H World Broadcast

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The broadcast was a service of Wilson Sporting Goods Company and included a short talk by

Thomas E. Wilson. While Mr. Wilson, long time chairman of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work (now National 4-H Council), was widely known as chairman of the Wilson Meat Packing Corporation, one of the top meat packers in the country, it was much less known that he was also the founder and chairman of Wilson Sporting Goods Company.

In paying tribute to the nation's youth and to the benefits of competitive sports during the broadcast, Mr. Wilson said: "I have seen America's youth in competitive action many times. I have seen them in the 4-H Clubs where, in friendly but spirited competition, they fight for leadership in farm and home projects.

"I have seen them on our play fields and in our stadiums, engaged in the rugged sports and games of our country. I have seen them at work and at play in modern industry. And I, for one, have supreme faith in them."

The game ended as Green Bay Packers 19, College All-Stars 7.

Celebrating 4-H Alumna Martha Ann Miller

by Kittrina Thompson, National 4-H Council

National 4-H Council is highlighting 4-H alumni and sharing the impact 4-H has had on their lives; this month, they spotlight a very special 4-H alumna, Martha Ann Miller, who celebrated her 105th birthday on August 6.



Martha Ann Miller is a phenomenal woman who is a strong part of American and 4-H history. In 4-H, she was named the State Baking Champion at age 14, being the youngest to receive the award in Indiana at the time. As a result, she received a full scholarship to Purdue University, earned a trip to Washington, D. C., and was one of several 4-H'ers to meet President Calvin Coolidge in 1926.

As an adult, Mrs. Miller became a teacher in Virginia in 1952, where she taught at the first school in the state to integrate. "The principal asked the teachers if we would be willing to teach black students," she shares in her book, The First Century, and Not Ready for the Rocking Chair Yet. "Some teachers refused. I personally felt it was an insult to be asked this kind of question, and I, of course, volunteered, considering it an honor to have the students in my classroom."

Editor's note: For more information on this Centenarian 4-H alum, read the full story that we carried in the March issue of this newsletter earlier this year. http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Newsletter/PDF/4HHPP_Newsletter_v07_n03_2016-03.pdf

If you are an alum, or know others who should be on National 4-H Council's list of 4-H alumni, let us know at info@4-HHistoryPreservation.com and we'll pass the word.

4-H Quote:

"It [4-H] was one of those organizations I felt that helped me as a young person to mature and develop and to learn responsibilities and to learn to stick to something I committed to." Says seven-mission astronaut and 4-H Alum, Jerry Ross.

4-H Floats

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Everybody loves a parade! 4-H is no exception. At the local level there may be 4-H parades relating to National 4-H Week or the county fair. Community or city parades generated to celebrate the 4th of July, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day or other events may often have a 4-H float. But historically, 4-H hasn't shied away from some of the bigger events. 4-H has been represented in the Rose Bowl Parade and in the Presidential Inaugural Parade.

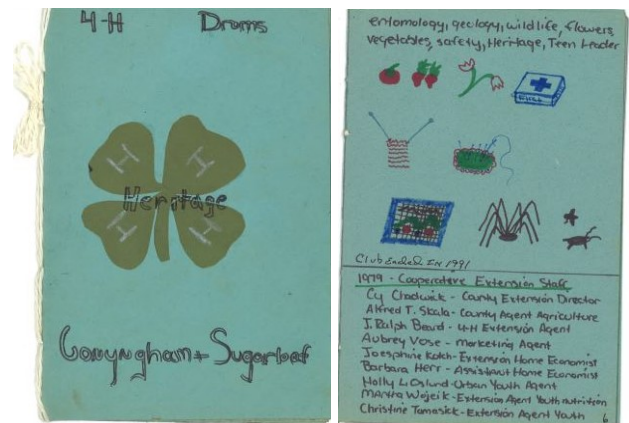


President George H.W. Bush's 1989 Inaugural parade's float by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports featured members of a Washington, D.C. 4-H Club and the California Raisins. The California Raisins was a popular fictional musical group in the late 1980s; 4-H is still popular! (From Winter 1989 National 4-H Council Quarterly)

Perhaps a 4-H float is one visibility area where 4-H'ers can really get creative. They also provide an excellent opportunity for team work in planning the float, building the float and perhaps riding on the float. 4-H parades were alive and well over 100 years ago. We expect so long as there will be parades, 4-H will participate with floats or even create their own parades.

**Put YOUR 4-H on the Map – Part 2
You, Too, Can Put Your 4-H History on the Map!**
Ron Drum, State 4-H Staff, Maine

From last month's article, you'll remember that one evening in 1979, nine Sugarloaf Valley (PA) 4-H Club members asked their 4-H Leader, my mom Eleanor Drum, to help them learn about the 4-H Club history of their community. So began a summer of discovery!



Drums Valley, PA hand written history from 1928-1959.

Through the summer they researched the history of all of the 4-H Clubs that ever existed in their valley in southern Luzerne County, PA. They learned quite a bit and they had quite a bit of fun doing so! At the end of the summer, these 4-H teens created a handmade, hand-printed booklet documenting what they had discovered. I was lucky enough to receive one of these booklets.

Time passed and lots of changes took place between 1979 and 2016. Teens became adults and moved away. I'm not sure when the Browns Grove 4-H Club ended but the SV4-HClub ended in 1991. Mom passed away in 2014 and I'm in my 12th position of a career that, during this period, covered four states and the country of Botswana...

... And a seat on the National 4-H History Preservation Team.

This team is doing great work combing through the dust of the past to understand and preserve the rich history of 4-H. Just as those nine teens did in the summer of 1979, we are discovering interesting aspects of this program's development that are often surprising, even for a committee that collectively represents more than three hundred years of 4-H experience! And just like those teens, we want to document our discoveries, and discover even more.

This team created a website <http://4-hhistorypreservation.com> where you, too, can learn the discoveries we've made. Open this page so you can make discoveries, and even contribute to the discoveries of tomorrow about the events of our collective 4-H past! Read and contribute to our newsletter <http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Newsletter/>; review the topics under "Ways you can help" <http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Contributions/>; and participate in the activities listed under "Your 4-H History" on the History site homepage.

You can even make a financial contribution to help us keep making all these discoveries [<http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/Donate/>].

While looking about the 4-H History Preservation website, stop by the 4-H History Map http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/History_Map/ and read about all the historical points of interest posted there. Better yet, nominate points of interest for consideration to be included in the 4-H History Map (the details of how to do that are included on the map webpage).



That's what I did! As I was going through some of mom's papers, I "re-discovered" my copy of that little handmade history booklet those 4-H'ers created back in 1979. Mom had saved it for me! As I read it again, after all those years, I realized just what a treasure it was! It needed to be available for others to see and use, so I made a PDF of it and, following the directions and using the form included on the web page, I posted it on the National 4-H History Map (to see the posting, open the 4-H History map: <http://arcg.is/10BM4qf> and zoom in on eastern PA. Posting was easy to do and, as I told my fellow History Preservation Teammates, I got to put my home town, Drums, PA, on the MAP!

You can put yours there too. In fact, what a great project idea this is for your 4-H groups to take on – 4-H Clubs, 4-H Afterschool groups, 4-H Camps, even as a 4-H in-school history class enrichment project.

What has 4-H been doing in YOUR hometown? Find out and then post it to the National 4-H History Map.

To make a contribution to the National 4-H History Preservation Program; please go to <http://4-HHistoryPreservation.com> to see your options, or mail a check payable to **National 4-H Council** to:
National 4-H History Preservation Program
National 4-H Council
PO Box 37560
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Please write **4-H History Preservation** on your check.

Teen Filmmakers Gather at National *FilmFest 4-H* in Kansas City

Young filmmakers from nine states attended the 6th annual *FilmFest 4-H* July 31-August 3, boosting their skills in workshops led by film industry professionals as well as screening this year's 4-H entries in the competition.

The event is the result of a partnership between 4-H and the Missouri Film Office, which recruits the professionals to lead workshops. Veteran scriptwriter Marlana Hope, led an interactive workshop on her craft. Hope is based in Los Angeles and is currently writing for the upcoming Amazon series "The Kicks."



4-H'ers participate in "learn by doing" workshops at FilmFest 4-H.

Youth also enjoyed a Voice Acting workshop led by Tom Kane, whose many credits include *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* (Yoda), *Wolverine and the X-Men* (Magneto), *Kim Possible* (Monkey Fist), *The Powerpuff Girls* (Talking Dog), Takeo Masaki in the *Call of Duty* video games. Other popular offerings included workshops on Animation led by Bazillion Pictures president Jeff Beith, Aerial Cinematography led by Sean Joseph of Blackburrow Creative, and Sound Design led by C. J. Drumeller of Follow Happy Productions.

While similar to other film festivals in many ways, the 4-H aspect ensures a strong educational component as well. "FilmFest is ultimately about youth development," said Missouri 4-H Youth Specialist Bradd Anderson, Missouri 4-H staff member, who coordinates the event. "We want them to understand the technology to produce and not just consume digital media, so they can be equipped to succeed in a digital future no one has fully imagined yet." Participants and their chaperones attended from Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, North

Dakota, South Carolina, Utah, West Virginia, and the Virgin Islands.



4-H'ers from across the country submitted films in five categories for this year's FilmFest 4-H: Narrative, Documentary, Voices of 4-H History, One Minute Movie, and Promotional. The audience also had the opportunity to pick their favorite among all the movies screened. Each year the National 4-H History Preservation team raises funds to sponsor the awards given in the "Voices of 4-H History" Category.

Voices of 4-H History Category

1st Place: "4-H Planted the Seeds of the Raef Family Farm" by Dustin Price
2nd Place: "The Mother of 4-H" by Adam Clayton
3rd Place: "Voices of Volunteers" by Emmy Beck Aden (Athens, Ohio)

Narrative Category

1st Place: "Second Chance" by McKalyn Milton (Southlake, Texas)
2nd Place: "Non Verum: The Mystery Killer" by Thomas A. Christensen II (Buford, Wyoming)
3rd Place: "A Time Now Past" by Erica Bennett (Holts Summit, Missouri)

Documentary Category

1st Place: "Paws for Larger Service" by Emmy Beck-Aden (Athens, Ohio)
2nd Place: "Dyslexia" by Bethany Reiten (Kathryn, North Dakota)
3rd Place: "A Visitor in My Garden" by Erica Bennett (Holts Summit, Missouri)

One-Minute Movie

1st Place: "Decisions" by Zamora Draft (Prince George, Virginia)
2nd Place: "Expectations" by McCrae Milton (Southlake, Texas)

3rd Place: "4th Place" by Eileen Shafer (Jefferson City, Missouri)

Promotional Category

1st Place: "Insecurities Can Make You Stronger" by Starr Woods (Prince George, Virginia)

2nd Place: "Live Smart Virgin Islands" by Scott Williams (St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands)

3rd Place: "Get Off the Couch with 4-H" by Rachel Dalrymple (Dayton, Ohio)

Audience Favorite

"First Date" by Rachel Dalrymple (Dayton, Ohio)

A seventh national 4-H film festival in 2017 is currently being planned for late July.

Do you Have Your Historical 4-H Postcards?



You can buy them from the 4-H Mall at <http://bit.ly/4HPostcards>

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