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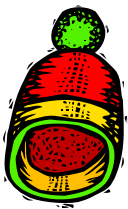
WIA Youth Helping Others

In Pemiscot County- For the month of December, the youth of Pemiscot County made a Christmas Basket to be given to a family. The group chose a family in Pemiscot County that needed assistance with Christmas items. The basket included different food items. With the

help of a few staff members from the Missouri Career Center, the youth collected toys for the children of the chosen Pemiscot family. The Basket was delivered to the family on December 21, 2009. The family thanked the youth for their generosity.

Case manager, Shameica Hardimon, would like to thank all the youth that participated. A special thanks goes to Sherry Hayes and Ann Cutler of the Missouri Career Center.

Good job all!



Thanks
for
Giving!



In Scott County-Scott County MERS/Goodwill Youth in Sikeston, MO were successful in spearheading the 2009 Warm Kids Project. Donations of gloves, hats, and mittens were made to Scott Central Elementary, on Highway 61, by these caring youth on Monday, December 21, 2009.

Thirteen pairs of gloves, eight hats, and one pair of mittens were donated to the school. Lucy Albertson, a representa-

tive of Scott Central, accepted the donations and expressed her appreciation. Ms. Albertson had with her the list of kids in need of these items. Ms. Albertson asked for Scott Central to be considered again next December.

A few days later, a representative from the Illinois Baptist Church in Sikeston visited the Youth office and asked for donations as well. They will be accommodated in Decem-

ber 2010, thus the Scott County Youth will have to work extra hard next Christmas season.

It is good to know that word is getting out about the good work MERS/Goodwill Youth are doing in the community. They make the case manager, Myrna McLaughlin-Burns, very proud.

Well done Scott County Youth!



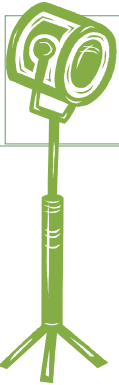
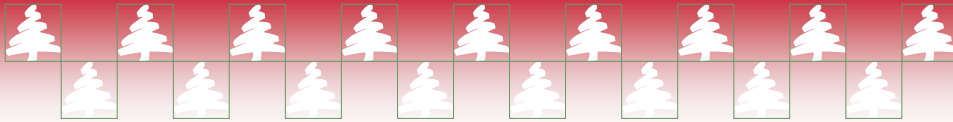
"Hats Off to the Youth!"

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

~Aesop

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“Iron County Youth” Spotlight

Iron County youth case manager Shari Miller writes-In School youth David Fudge has been in the WIA youth program since November of 2008. In this time, David has graduated from high school and has recently been married. He and his wife, Christina, are also expecting a baby

this February.

I've seen David really grow this year in many ways and become a very responsible adult. He is enrolled in “The Next-Generation Jobs Team” program and presently doing work experience with an Auto Parts Store. David’s dream is to one day own his own body shop. He is very

motivated to find a permanent job and be able to provide for his family, while doing something that he enjoys.

I'm very proud of David and I am expecting good things for him in the future.

Good luck David!



Pictured above are David and Christina Fudge at a recent “Motivation” workshop at the Iron County East Missouri Action Agency office.



WIA youth David Fudge

“Stoddard County Youth” Spotlight

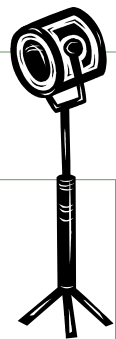
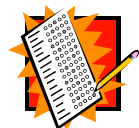
Stoddard County youth case manager Danise Clay writes-Natasha Frymire from Dexter, MO came to the WIA Youth Program in March of 2009 after being laid off from her job at WW Woods in Dexter. Natasha had quit school and found herself in need of not only a job but also an education. The WIA Youth Program was able to assist her in obtaining the Work Readiness Credential offered through MERS/Goodwill and Natasha has become one of the first WIA Youth to be enrolled in

the Scholars @ Work Program.

Scholars @ Work is a program that MERS/Goodwill began in the northern counties and has recently been rolled out in the southern counties. It has been proven to be very successful in providing a way for youth like Natasha to put some of her employment needs aside while earning an income for attending GED classes. Natasha is very dedicated to her GED studies. She is attending GED classes in

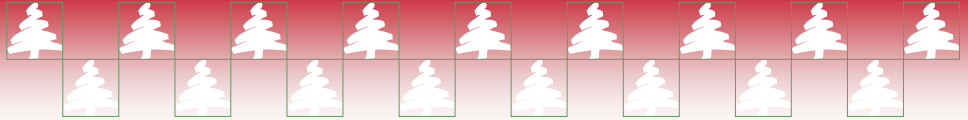
Dexter 16 hours, and working in the MERS/Goodwill office in Dexter doing online GED studies 4 hours a week. Natasha’s goal is to take her GED test by February 2010 and obtain a job soon after.

Go Natasha!



Watch for spotlight stories in the January 2010 issue that will be featuring **Dunklin County** and **St. Francois County!**





Case Manager's Monthly Progress Report

COUNTY	CASELOAD	# OF ACTIVITIES	D.O. PREVENTION/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	WORKSITE LEARNING	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	ATTAINMENT
BOLLINGER	1 IS 11 OS	12	10 ALT. SCHOOL	6	0	3	1 GED
CAPE	0 IS 23 OS	8	12 ALT. SCHOOL	9	1	12	2 EMPLOYED & 3 GEDS
DUNKLIN	4 IS 12 OS	3	3 ALT. SCHOOL	3	1	2	0
IRON	3 IS 16 OS	2	3 DO PREVENTION	1	0	4	0
MADISON	5 IS 16 OS	2	7/3 DO PREVENTION/ALT. SCHOOL	5	6	2	2 EMPLOYED
MISSISSIPPI	2 IS 18 OS	1	9 ALT. SCHOOL	0	0	7	1 EMPLOYED & 1 GED
NEW MADRID	0 IS 15 OS	2	1/6 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	4	0	8	0
PEMISCOT	4 IS 14 OS	4	10 ALT. SCHOOL	1	2	8	0
PERRY	1 IS 20 OS	9	8 ALT. SCHOOL	4	0	7	2 EMPLOYED
SCOTT	1 IS 21 OS	24	3/13 DO PREVENTION/ ALT. SCHOOL	5	0	11	3 GEDS
ST. FRANCOIS	4 IS 18 OS	1	1 ALT. SCHOOL	0	2	3	2 EMPLOYED & 1 POST SEC- ONDARY
STE. GENEVIEVE	11 IS 14 OS	2	0	0	0	1	0
STODDARD	0 IS 19 OS	1	8 ALT. SCHOOL	3	0	4	0

DO: Drop Out

IS: In School

OS: Out of School

Bollinger	Work Readiness Classes and Quarterly Youth Meeting
Cape	Monthly Youth Meeting, Work Readiness Classes, and Believe to Achieve Graduation
Dunklin	Workshop on "Let's Buy A Car", Toys for Tots Drive, and Monthly Youth Meeting
Iron	Workshops on "Motivation Part II with Mike Hester" and "Verbal Communication, Body Language, and Tone"
Madison	Workshops on "Job Shadowing/GED Practice Tests" and "Personality in the Workplace/GED Practice Tests"
Mississippi	Quarterly Youth Meeting
New Madrid	Monthly Youth Meeting and workshop on "Tax Preparation"
Pemiscot	Monthly Youth Meeting, GED Scholars @ Work Classes, Basket for Christmas Family, "Family Youth Christmas", and workshop on "Defensive Driving/Seatbelt Safety"
Perry	Monthly Youth Meeting, workshops on "Let's Buy A Car" and "Banking: What You Need to Know", and Work Readiness Classes
Scott	Work Readiness Classes, GED On-line, Youth Tutoring, and Quarterly Youth Meeting
St. Francois	Workshop on "Job Applications"
Ste. Genevieve	Workshops on "Starting Conversations & Professionalism" and "Financial Planning/Investing"
Stoddard	Monthly Youth Meeting



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