

Great Game of Huddle Notes May 21, 2019

Harold Bengsch introduced today's Huddle presenters Bill Prince, Greene County Juvenile and David Burton, MU Extension (4H).

Bill Prince was the keynote speaker at a 2018 banquet in Republic. During his speech he mentioned would like the delinquent youth to be more involved with the community. As David Burton was sitting in the audience during the banquet and heard Bill's speech, he happened to called Bill two to three days later and they come up with a plan.

David Burton starting off telling us about two people he knew growing up of John and Joe. John and Joe both had three siblings, two were in the system, and one other passed away. If it wasn't for 4H they both would have been in the system.

- In 1930 4H started in Greene County
- There was a budget cut that moved 4H into another county.
- Greene County's 4H was only held by volunteers after the budget cut.
 - 2009 there were 440 volunteers
 - 2014 there were 192 volunteers
 - 2019 there were 442 volunteers



The main key to the MU Extension (4H) is to have a place/programs for the at-risk youth to attend after leaving Juvenile.

- An example of this a kid from the GCYA. Mom was worried at first not knowing what 4H was and was worried she's was wasting her time allowing her son to be part of this program. Not long into the program she saw good changes in her son and how he was volunteering to do things on the weekend to stay out of trouble.
- GCYA is a day treatment program
 - The youth goes there during the day and participate programming after school.
 - Hours are 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM
 - Students are enrolled in 4H (currently working on sponsor to fund this)
 - Looking for success after the program. Something for the kids to do after hours and on weekend (Spring break)
 - Baking
 - Gardening
 - Etc.
 - End Goal is to keep them engage with the 4H Program.

Funding:

- ½ of the funding comes from the Greene County
- ½ of the funding comes from MU
- Wrote out for Grants
 - Was able to get one from the Darr Family Foundation.

Additional Programs offered at the Juvenile 933 Building:

- Teens in Transition
- GEMS (Girls)

The Greene County Juvenile department is already achieving success by introducing the 4H program to the kids. There have been requests for new clubs: Northwest project, Fairbook, Weaver and Bissett School and the Dream Center (55 students or more)

Questions form Audience:

1. What are dome data you're going to be looking at?
 - Numbers of referrals to the office
 - The success rate on the formal and informal rate
 - Do we see them again
 - Etc.