



**April 2006**



**SHARE THE FUN**



**4-H Participants**



**4-H Council**

Members, family, and community creativity, talent & involvement were showcased at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Share the Fun.

Talent entries were: Kaela McKenzie, Hoover Heroes; Joshua Massey & Caleb Massey, Weston Wonders; Knutson Family, Farley Jolly Workers; Jill Kallenberger, Park Rangers; and Kelcey, Cole, & Christopher Knoernschild, Park Rangers. Talent included piano, harmonica, recorder, violin, guitar and a comedy routine.

The duet of Cole & Kelcey Knoernschild on piano and violin was selected for Interstate, with the piano piece by Jill Kallenberger as alternate, both acts are from Park Rangers.

*The 4-H Fashion Show*, featuring 'fractured' fashions by Hoover Heroes was selected for Interstate and the *Little Green Clover* by Park Rangers is alternate. *Whose Club is it Anyway?* by Weston Wonders, included all Platte County clubs in their portrayal and Farley Jolly Workers: *Lost 4-H Style* demonstrated survival skills learned in 4-H—or not.

The 4-H Council 'traditional' skit included thought snippets from previous years. The 4-H Council once again demonstrated true clover spirit from stilt walking, outer space, Miss America, to a poodle skirt.



**ANIMAL PROJECT FORMS DUE SOON**

All animal project forms are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.



A letter and form was sent to all 4-Hers enrolled in animal projects (excluding horsemanship) that listed required immunization and health records to show at the fair.

4-Hers in the dog obedience project must bring up-to-date immunization records to the first project meeting, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. on the fair grounds, in one of the buildings.

Dogs must have: 6 foot lead, choke collar to fit and a supply of soft dog treats. In addition, they must be under control of 4-H member and show no aggressive behavior towards other dogs or people.

In addition to these requirements, 4-Hers need to be in 'good standing' with their club and applicable project leader(s) to participate in shows and the county fair.

## NORTHLAND ETHNIC FESTIVAL

**NO ADMISSION CHARGE!**

April 22, 2006  
10 a.m.—4 p.m.  
Park Hill High School  
7710 NW Barry Rd.

Music, dance, displays, crafts, ethnic items, food, and family history help are all available at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Northland Ethnic Festival.

It will be in the new gym area, on the west end of the building. Come anytime and stay as long or short as you can.

Enclosed is a publicity flyer. Please help spread the word—cut it into thirds; keep one for your family as a reminder and share the other two with people in your school, community, church or out of town visitors.

This is a major program effort of our office as well as many other agencies, and thanks to grants, there is no charge. Funds from the Platte County Parks & Recreation Outreach program have been especially helpful.

4-Hers wanting to help for 4-H, their school, church or who need community service hours should contact Sharen right away.

Needed: Helpers to unload food and items for vendors (7:30-10 am)  
People to stand at doors, passing out programs  
Helpers at the passport area of Mid Continent Library  
Hospitality workers to take refreshments to vendors  
People to interview for media and evaluations

If interested and able, please indicate which hours you will work. Specify in 2 hour time frames.

Thanks Edward Webb and Emily Mynatt for already volunteering.

### A DAY OF CAMP

Day Camp will be June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Platte County Fair Grounds. This will be for 4-Hers and others planning on joining 4-H. Details on ages and times will be set later. We can arrange to meet job schedules of parents.

Teens interested in helping will need to attend a planning and training meeting in late May or very early June.

### OUTSTANDING 4-HERS & AMBASSADORS

Now is the time to start thinking about applying for one these roles and honors. The applications are on our web page and the descriptions are in your family handbook.

#### **Lost & Found**

**A navy blue and hunter green, hooded jacket; Carter's brand. Small size, left we think from Clover Kid camp in February.**

## ACHIEVEMENT DAY IS JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

Every member should participate in at least one of the events: Demonstrations, Judging, Presentation Skills, Fashion Revue, Outstanding 4-Hers and Ambassadors, and Power Point Presentation.

A video tape of demonstrations is an acceptable alternative for 4-Hers unable to attend the June 24<sup>th</sup> event. The demonstrations will be videotaped while being done in front of the 4-H Council. Then they will be shown to the Demonstration Judge on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Dates that you can video tape your demonstration are: April 20, May 18, or June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

The 4-H Council will discuss other schedules and options at our next meeting; so stay tuned for details.

### 4-H BAND

Last summer the Clover Band was formed, practiced 3 times and then performed at the county fair; for senior citizens and in the pavilion. They also performed at the Family Fun Night.

Current 4-H members, alumni members, parents, and supporters of 4-H are invited to participate. If you are interested and able to participate please let the office know.

Last year's band conductor, Elisa Adkison, may not be available this summer, so we may need another conductor and also advance notice to borrow sheet music. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer please call the Extension Office. At this time, we have music for the 3 songs played by the group; loaned by Smithville High School.

### STREAM CLEAN UP

May 6th  
10 a.m.  
Farley Bridge Area

Wear sturdy fully enclosed shoes and old clothes to help clean up stream area as well as help with monitoring of the water itself. This is our regular site, adopted by the county, and featured in Farley Jolly Workers Share the Fun Skit.

Thanks to Sergeant Crader (Morgan's dad) for helping us.

### CLOVER CORSAGES

- ✿ Michael Roe, Clint Greenough, Daniel, Nathan, Rick & Mary Silber, Molly & Eric Grusenmeyer, Sam Porter, and Derek Gerdes for helping with the KC 4-H Global Conference. Also helping were Extension Council members: Peggy Strickland, Maureen Hunt, Staley Snook, & Bob Griffith.
- ✿ Lynnette Procopio for helping with 4-H and University Extension web page.
- ✿ Kathryn Miller for participating in Pet Power with Angel.
- ✿ Regina Turner for discovering a great resource about crayfish for environment programs in schools or clubs.

## GEOLOGY OPPORTUNITY

Do you have rocks in your head?  
Fossils in your fingers?  
Stones in your shoes?



Now that I have your attention, the geology program by Roland Smith has been **rescheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.** He is a certified project leader in geology, a member of several geology groups, and has led groups through Communiversity, and is the son of Anita & Marvin Smith; long time volunteer fair judges.

### Schedule:

10 -11:30 a.m. Program and lunch at PRC  
12-1:30/2 p.m. Collect rocks, samples, and fossils at 635/9.

This is a one time event, open to any youth interested in geology, starting at the PRC for about 1 hour and then ending at near I-635 and 9 Highway.

No cost, but bring a sack lunch, wear sturdy shoes, outdoor clothing, one piece hammer (if you have one) and bags or containers for your finds.

Parents or guardians will need to transport youth from PRC to collection site.

A minimum number is required, **so call by April 14<sup>th</sup>**; with name and phone number; yes parents are encouraged/expected to stay for risk management purposes or arrange for their 4-Her to get to the rock collecting site and back home. Yes, you can invite non 4-Hers and their parents.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS ACTIVITY, BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THIS DATE PLEASE LET THE EXTENSION OFFICE KNOW.**

## PASTURE MANAGEMENT

April 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Platte Resource Center



Julie Abendroth, West Central Agronomist, will present a program on Pasture Management, with special emphasis for equine. There is a \$10 fee, that includes a light supper and lots of materials. Pre-registration is required. Call or email to register; pay at door. Clovers to Nikki Miller for being the first one to register.

## MISSOURI 4-H WILDLIFE HABITAT

Clinic and State Contest  
April 22-23, 2006  
Columbia, MO

Open to all 4-H youth, volunteer leaders, and parents. No requirement for wildlife project enrollment. Contact Extension Office for more details.

## STATE POULTRY DAY

Saturday, June 10, 2006  
Animal Sciences Center  
University of Missouri—Columbia



Check in at 8:00 a.m.  
Event Begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Registration Fee \$10  
Registration Deadline: May 1, 2006

## 4-H DAY With the KANSAS CITY ROYALS Sunday, September 17, 2006

It's time to start making plans for the 2006 4-H Day with the KC Royals. This year the game will be held Sunday, September 17, as the Royals take on the Seattle Mariners. The ball game is a few months away, but there are some opportunities that 4-H'ers can start planning for now.

**National Anthem**—one 4-H member will have the opportunity of singing the National Anthem before the game. An "audition" tape or CD must be submitted.

**Color Guard**—three 4-H club members selected will present the flags during the opening ceremony of the game. Submit a one page essay telling why your club would like this opportunity. "What does presenting the colors mean to you?"

**T-shirt Design**—design should be for the front of the shirt only and must include the logos of both organizations (Royals and 4-H Clover). It will be printed in color.

Entries must be postmarked by May 15  
and mailed to the Extension Office.

*Watch for more information on the Scholarship Raffle with a top prize of throwing out the first pitch and other information on this fun family 4-H event.*

## ARE YOU INTO . . . **COMPUTERS, TECHNOLOGY, AND SCIENCE?**

Missouri 4-H is recruiting delegates for the 2006 National 4-H Technology Leadership Conference, July 24-27 at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. The conference is for youth (14+) and adult leaders. Refer to the conference website at <http://4hntc.4-h.org/> for more information about being a part of the Missouri delegation.

## **4-H Club Reports/Updates**

Ladybugs and Beetles met March 13. There were 14 members and 8 others present. Important business conducted: Members brought prizes for bingo with senior citizens in April. We also discussed this project and got volunteers to go. Members reported working on ceramics, horsemanship, horticulture and beef projects. **Next meeting April 10, 2006**

Cassie McClellan, Reporter



# Achievement Day

Platte County  
Achievement Day

June 24, 2006

## ACHIEVEMENT DAY

- Presentation Skills
- Decision Making
- Demonstrations
- Power Point
- Fashion Revue

### **What is Achievement Day?**

**Good Question!!!!** Achievement Day is a day for 4-H'ers to show-off and share with each other what they know. There are a variety of different activities to participate in during the day. We will have Demonstrations, Judging, Fashion Revue, Decision Making, Power Point Presentations and Presentation Skills all going on throughout the day.

Through these different activities you will have the opportunity to make decisions, give reasons, build self-confidence and learn many other life skills.

### **Presentation Skills**

Presentation Skill Interviews are a chance for 4-Hers to talk about themselves with an interview/judge. Youth are asked questions about themselves, activities, 4-H projects, family, chores, etc...It is a chance to practice interview skills for fair judging or future interviews you might have.

This is a great activity for any age. Questions are geared to the age of the 4-Her and judges do a great job of making young 4-Hers feel comfortable.

### **Power Point Presentations**

PowerPoint Presentations should be an informative speech. The topic is your choice It should be between 5 and 7 minutes long. Presentations are evaluated on: delivery of message, message content, visual presentation, and the overall effectiveness of the presentation.

Presentations can be made by an individual or can be done with a team (limited to 3 members). There are two categories: junior division (13 and under by Jan. 1) and senior division (14 and over by Jan. 1)

A presentation computer and projector will be provided. Participants should bring their presentation on a CD or diskette.

### **Demonstrations**

Demonstrations are basically an advance version of show and tell. You will be showing and telling the audience how to make or do something. At the end of your demonstration you should have a completed item. It is as simple as that. Demonstrations are usually 5-7 minutes in length.

If you do a demonstration that fits into International Foods, Pork, Egg, Agri-Missouri, Beef, Soybeans, Lamb or Horsemanship and are top in the county you may go on to compete at the Missouri State Fair. These demonstrations are done in front of a panel of judges.

Demonstrations that are Electric, General or Working may also have the opportunity to go to the State Fair and perform, but will not be judged.

Members giving working demonstrations do not prepare a talk on a topic. Instead they select a skill in which they have experience. They sit at a table and work at their skill/activity. While working they answer audience members' and judges' questions or tell onlookers what they are doing.

### **Fashion Revue**

Fashion Revue is for 4-Hers who are enrolled in clothing, knitting or crochet projects. Participants prepare a brief description of their garment including; fabric, pattern, cost, and plans for wearing. Judges watch the participant model their outfit. They are judging the "total look" of the outfit along with the outward appearance of the 4-Her.

Each county can send a junior and senior representative in Clothes you Make and Clothes you Buy, one delegate in knitting, and one in crochet to the State Fashion Revue. The State Contest is held in September at the University of Missouri Campus in Columbia.

### **Judging**

Judging is an easy and fun activity. 4-H'ers will be given a situation and will need to place the answers from best to worst. Once you think you have them in the right order you will then spend a few minutes telling an adult why you placed them in that order.

We will have a variety of different projects available for judging. There will be classes on foods, clothing, visual arts, gardening, wood-working, character, leadership, etc. You don't even have to be in any certain projects to judge the different categories.



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## 4-H Council Minutes

Minutes for March 16, 2006

Members present: Kathryn Miller—Ind., Ben Clark—HH, Kay Clark—HH, Marilyn Whitacre—HH, Debbie Woehrman—LBB, Jaxon Turner—PCPR, Regina Turner—PCPR, Rochelle Cicha—FJW, Molly Grusenmeyer—HH, Mary Kay Grusenmeyer—HH, and Sharen Hunt—CPD.

Meeting was called to order by Kathryn Miller at 7:02 p.m. Pledges were said. Marilyn Whitacre moved the Secretary's minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter. Ben Clark seconded. Motion was voted on and passed. Marilyn Whitacre gave the Treasurer's report stating that we had \$1,292.07 in the treasury. Mary Kay Grusenmeyer moved the report be approved, Ben Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mary Kay Grusenmeyer gave an update on the Leader Training Session. Sharen, Mary Kay, and Dori Thomas met with Cathy Newton to discuss the meeting. It will be held Sept. 30th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost will be \$10 per person for non-4-H attendees. 4-H'ers will pay only for the lunch. Cathy will do a large group session and breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon. She will do one session for adults and one for teens. It was suggested that 4-H members show craft/activities during the lunch break in a working demonstration format. We are looking for someone who knows or has connections with a "big name" person (football player, radio or TV personality, baseball player, etc) who could endorse the event and speak briefly to welcome people or be there during the lunch break. We think this might draw people to the event. We will be doing a mass publicity campaign targeting all groups that deal with youth; scouts, school groups, and church youth groups.

**In old business:** Sharen announced that we don't know if we have received a grant for the rain garden project. If the grant doesn't come through we still might be able to make a rain garden at the Camden Point Park.

Leader Training in Columbia, April 1. Must register to attend. Cost is \$20.

Sharen announced the Financial Workshops on March 20th are cancelled due to low enrollment.

**In new business:** Sharen asked for volunteers to work on the webpage for 4-H. Debbie Woehrman said she might be able to do it at a later date.

Share the Fun is March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Nearly New Shoppe—April 1st—Lady Bugs and Beetles

Horsemanship Bedding Sale and Meeting at Platte County Fairground April 13th, 4:30 p.m.

Regina Turner moved that 4-H Camp be held on June 14. Marilyn Whitacre seconded. Motion passed. It was mentioned that it might be good to have a shorter day and to possibly do a second camp later in the summer.

It was decided to do the essay contest again. Ideas for theme were given. It was decided to use the theme: **4-H Has it All**. Deadline for entries is June 1.

It was announced that April 1st will be a Geology workshop. It is open to anyone interested. (You don't need to be enrolled in a geology project to come) Part of the day will be a hands on experience at an outside location. Participants will need to bring their lunch.

The last order of business was to assign parts for the 4-H Council Skit.

Mary Kay Grusenmeyer moved we adjourn the meeting, Debbie Woehrman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Grusenmeyer

# CALENDAR

- April 1 Platte County 4-H Scholarships Due  
April 1 Lady Bugs & Beetles work at Nearly New  
April 3 Extension Council meeting, 7 pm.  
April 6 Registrations due for Pasture Management Program  
April 10 Pasture Management, 6:30 p.m. Fee for supper/materials  
April 11 Pet Power Volunteer Orientation 6:30 p.m.  
April 13 Horsemanship Bedding Sale and Meeting @ Fairgrounds @4:30 p.m.  
April 14 4-H Embryology chicks return  
April 14 Geology event registrations due  
April 20 4-H Council meeting  
April 21 Set up for Northland Ethnic Festival 3:30-6 p.m. Park Hill  
April 22 Northland Ethnic Festival 10 to 4, Park Hill High School  
April 24 Poultry project members candle eggs for embryology project at Sharen's  
April 25 Pet Power Animal Temperament Testing, 6:30; Animal Clinic of Boardwalk  
April 29 Geology session 10-2, IF at least 6 register by April 14th
- May 1 Extension Council meeting  
May 6 Stream Clean Up, Farley Bridge 10 a.m.  
May 6 Farley Jolly Workers volunteer at Nearly New Store



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