



February 2006



Clover Kid Camp

February 20

For 4-Hers, ages 5-8

And for older members who want to help and learn about activities and leadership or parents who want to stay for the fun.

When: February 20th

Where: Platte County Resource Center

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Cost: Free, but each participant brings their own lunch and drink and the following supplies:

- Small, clear jar/decorative container with lid for salt sculpture
- Empty cereal box or other small box to decorate as memory box or tote
- Health form/code of conduct

Wear washable old clothes; and appropriate clothes for a walk outside if weather permits.

Call or email to register by February 15th. **Health forms** are available on the web at:

<http://extension.missouri.edu/platte>

4-H Winter Fair

Clovers to 4-Hers and 4-H families that participated in Winter Fair, January 7th at Metro North Mall. This traditional event is planned to promote 4-H and encourage members to work on projects early in the 4-H year.



Our county displays, demonstrations, clovers, presentation skill interviews, and clover bowls all showed 4-H spirit.

4-H County Wide Project Updates

Remember, you are responsible to make sure you are enrolled with the volunteer leader if you wish to participate in their projects. If you were not enrolled with them, joined after they started, or missed too many of their meetings, you can continue in most projects on your own or with another volunteer or home helper



Ceramics will begin February 1st in Dearborn; 6:30 p.m. with Lona Fowler, volunteer leader. If you think you signed up, but aren't sure, please call her directly at 450-3457.

Dog Obedience begins April 5th at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Marlene Zygmuntowicz is the volunteer leader. All dogs must be trained to leash and have all immunizations prior to the first class. Waiver and parental agreement also required.

Sport fishing and **Shooting Sports** have both started thanks to project leaders: Regina Turner, Felicia Webb, Jack Remboldt and Dan Knutson.

Welding begins January 28th with Dave Clark and Andy Head as leaders.

Horseless Horsemanship met January 21st and learned about herd behavior, hoof care and cleaning stalls. Debbie Head, is project leader.

Horsemanship group met January 12th to unload and sell shavings. Project meeting followed at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. In order to show members must attend a majority of horsemanship meetings **and** be a member in good standing with their club.

Career Exploration Opportunities

March 8-11

KC 4-H Global Conference focuses on work force preparation in areas such as technology, globalization, and environment through dozens of workshops and tours. The good news for us, is that it is held in Platte County at the KCI Hilton. Teens, 15 and older, or younger teens with parent/guardian, can attend the workshops on March 9th and 10th at no cost. Another great opportunity besides attending is to help with hosting the workshops. This includes introducing and helping the presenter, taking attendance, etc. Hosts need to arrive 30 minutes before workshops. Morning workshops are at 9 & 10:30 and afternoon workshops are at 1:30 and 3.

Workshop descriptions can be found on the Missouri 4-H Web page:

www.4h.missouri.edu/go/events/globalconf/

During each half day of workshops, you can host one and then attend/audit any other workshop of your choice. Unfortunately, we cannot provide lunch, refreshments, or lodging for helpers.

Tours are limited to those fully registered due to risk management issues, unless you are over 18 or attend with someone over 18 that is serving as a tour host. Tour hosts must arrive an hour before tour departure time, insure bus driver has the right directions, keep on schedule, take attendance, scout out a lunch place, etc.

Assignments will be made on first come basis.

Snow Policy



When school is cancelled due to snow or ice 4-H programs will also be cancelled. If you are not sure if a meeting or activity is cancelled call your club's advisor or the extension office.

4-H Council Update

A great slate of 4-H leaders was adopted by acclamation at the January 4-H Council meeting. These officers will be installed at the February 16th meeting.



President: Kathryn Miller & Ben Clark
Vice: Morgan Crader & Alex Asher
Treasurer: Eric Grusenmeyer & Marilyn Whitacre
Secretary: Kathy Elkins and Molly Grusenmeyer

Thanks to our 2005-2006 officers:
Ben Clark & Alex Asher, Cindy Shaw & John Wilson,
Marilyn Whitacre, & Eric Grusenmeyer, & Morgan Crader.

4-H Citizenship Youth Forum

June 26-28 in Jefferson City

For 4-Hers who have completed the 8th grade or were 14 years old by Jan. 1, 2006.

- Want to become more informed about Missouri Government and acquire a greater understanding of how it functions for the common good of the citizens of Missouri?
- Want to acquire knowledge of state government in order to function as a more responsible citizen?
- Want to identify statewide issues and concerns that affect the lives of Missouri's citizens?



The conference includes Legislative, Judicial and Media tracts, meetings on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives, mock courtroom trials, Supreme Court and a chance to learn about the role of photojournalism in government.

Cost is \$95 with transportation and a lunch on your own or with others from our county or region.

Registration deadline is April 1st. Forms available at office or at:

www.mo-4-h.missouri.edu

State Volunteer Forum

April 1 from 9-4

Columbia Area Community Center

For parents & volunteers or soon to be volunteers of all ages. Registration limited to 100, so first come, first served.

Agenda includes:

- building club spirit
- toolboxes of learning and fun
- story aprons
- tabletop games
- challenge in a tub
- scrap booking
- memory boxes
- dollar auction
- door prizes
- lunch



One of the door prizes will be a partial scholarship to attend the North Central Regional Volunteer Forum in Minnesota in October.

Registrations must in State 4-H office by March 20th
Remember, there is a limit of 100, state wide.

Cost is \$20 for materials, lunch and souvenir gift. If interested and able to participate, the \$20 can be reimbursed through from Eleemosynary Society and Nearly New grants.

Upcoming Programs

Saving Energy in Your Home

February 21

Extension Specialist, Marsha Alexander, will give tips on how to save energy with insulation, weatherizing, lighting and window treatments. Two sessions with the same content will be offered: 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at PRC. Free, but registration by Feb. 17th is required.



Crop & Pest Management Update

Private pesticide certification and pest management updates will be taught by Julie Abendroth, Agronomist, on the following dates and locations.

February 22nd 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Platte County Administration Building

OR

March 6th 6:30—9:30 p.m.
North Platte High School

Home Environment & Woodworking Project Leader Training

March 1: 5:30—8:30 p.m.

Adults and youth ages 14 and older are invited to attend this 4-H leader training via Interactive Television (ITV). State and regional Architectural Studies Specialists and students from the College of Human Environmental Sciences will facilitate the session. The training features hands-on computer time using architectural and home environment design software. The purpose of the training is to help leaders and older 4-Hers learn more about technology in this field. Please contact the office if interested in attending.

Family Genealogy Project/Program



Mary Celeste, former 4-H parent and volunteer, and now librarian at Boardwalk Library, invites 4-Hers to their program on Family History for Youth. Beginning date is March 18th at Boardwalk Library. Call her to enroll or for more information: 741-9011.

Financial Planning and Blue Plate Special

Financial Planning for Families

March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at PRC.

Open to anyone, so friends are welcome.

Free Workshop Presented by:

Carol Bozworth, Family Financial Education Specialist
Register by March 10th



Who Gets Grandma's Blue Plate?

Personal Property Planning Program

March 20th at 2 p.m.

Free workshop presented by:

Carol Bozworth, Family Financial Education Specialist
Registration by March 10th is required.



Pasture Management

April 10th 6:30 p.m.

This program will be geared toward horse owners, but is open to all. Meeting will be held at the PRC. Registrations due by April 5th.

4-H Scholarships

The Missouri 4-H Foundation will offer 45 college scholarships totaling more than \$38,000. Of these 45 scholarships:

- ♦ 29 scholarships will be available to 4-H members who reside in any county in the state of Missouri.
- ♦ Upperclassmen are eligible to apply for 15 of these scholarships.
- ♦ 20 of these scholarships can be used while attending any public institution in the state of Missouri and 14 of these can be applied toward a Missouri two-year college or technical school.

Applications are due by March 15, 2006 and can be found on the web site at 4h.missouri.edu.

Host Families Needed for Japanese Exchange

It's time to start thinking about serving as a month-long host family for Japanese delegates this summer. Japanese Youth, males and females ages 12-16, arrive to your family on Wednesday, July 26 and depart Monday, August 21.

Deadline for host family application is March 1.

4-H Club Reports/Updates

Farley Jolly Workers met December 27th, 2005. There were eleven 4-H members and clover kids present. Six adults were at the meeting. We collected cereal for United Services. Jesse Knutson began the meeting. Justin Rhodes and Sam Porter lead the pledges. Kim Knutson read the minutes from the last meeting. Sam Porter gave the treasurer's report. We discussed newspaper inserts. Whenever there is a 5th Wednesday in a month, FJW and their families help put inserts in at the Platte County Citizen. We hope to have more members and families help. So FJW 4-Hers check your calendars and see when there is a Wednesday you can help. Sharen Hunt and Rochelle Cicha reported on the gift wrapping county fundraiser. We announced our projects: Shelby Knutson-Cake decorating, art and crafts, Daniel Cicha- Baking, arts and crafts, Justin and Lauren Rhodes- Conservation, Molly and Mariah Matthews- Candies, breads and other Christmas goodies. Shelby Knutson did a demonstration on Origami. Our next meeting will be **January 24th 2006 at 7:00 pm.**

Shelby Knutson, Reporter

The **Hoover Heroes** held their meeting at the Hoover Christian Church on Tuesday December 14, at 7:00 p.m. We had 31 members and 8 leaders attend. We had one new member present. We discussed our next community service project and upcoming events. We made Santa Claus napkin holders for Beverly Health Center. Refreshments were served.

Courtney Whitacre, Reporter

The **Hoover Heroes** meeting was held on January 10, 2006 at 7:00 at the Hoover Christian Church. We discussed Poultry day on Saturday January 14, from 10-2, at the Platte County Fairgrounds. Also, Clover Kid Camp is scheduled for February 20, at the PCRC. Our Community service project was a donation for Mathew Roe's army equipment. Our next meeting is **February 14, at 7:00 at the Hoover Christian Church.**

Courtney Whitacre, Reporter

CALENDAR

January 28-29		State Teen Conference: Sarah Shaw & Madelyn Rawlings attending
January 28		County Wide Welding
February 1	6:30 p.m.	Ceramics @Lona Fowler's House
February 6	7:00 p.m.	Platte County Extension Council Annual Dinner
February 8	6:30 p.m.	Ceramics @Lona Fowler's House
February 9		Horsemanship
February 10		Early Bird registrations due for Northland Ethnic Festival
February 15	6:30 p.m.	Ceramics @Lona Fowler's House
February 16	7:00 p.m.	4-H Council Meeting
February 17		Saving Energy Program registrations due
February 20	10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Clover Kid Camp @PRC
February 21	2:00 p.m.	Saving Energy in Your Home @PRC
February 21	6:30 p.m.	Saving Energy in Your Home @PRC
February 22	6:30 p.m.	Ceramics @Lona Fowler's House
February 22	8:30-11:30 a.m.	Crop & Pest Management PC Administration Building
February 23	6:30 p.m.	County Wide Hunting Safety @PRC
March 1		Japanese Exchange Host Family deadline
March 6	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Crop & Pest Management North Platte High School
March 9		Horsemanship
March 8-11		4-H Global Conference
March 18		Family Genealogy Project @ Boardwalk Library
March 20	2:00 p.m.	Who Gets Grandma's Blue Plate? @PRC
March 20	6:30 p.m.	Financial Planning for Families @PRC



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