



March 2006



Share The Fun & Public Speaking

What:

Family and club fun and sharing:
skits, talent, Clover Bowl, public speaking.

When:

March 25
6:30 p.m.

@Platte County Resource Center

How:

Tables, piano, microphone, CD player provided: bring your own music stands and any other supplies. The stage is carpeted, the adjoining rooms can be used to store props and there are changing/dressing rooms.

What can I/we do?

Individual or small group talent or acts, group or club skits, songs, or audience participation and/or public speaking.

Public speaking entries can be on any topic, but must be developed just for 4-H. For more information about this event/contest guidelines, you can go to the 4-H web or call office.

Club skits should have some reference to 4-H and most important of all, should be fun for your club. The 4-H Council will also have an entry.

Talent and skit will be selected for Interstate in October in St. Joseph and nominations for County Fair Showcase in July. County public speaking representatives will be chosen for State Contest.

Please use the form to register by March 17th. Members can be in one individual, one small group and club skit.

Participants will receive a certificate and lots of applause!!!!



4-H Impact

Missouri 4-H develops contributing, caring leaders. One of every 10 Missouri young people between the ages of 5 and 18 participate in 4-H. More than 12,000 youth and adult 4-H volunteers statewide contribute time valued annually at an estimated \$39 million. Studies show that kids involved in 4-H and other extra-curricular activities are:

- ◆ More likely to go to college
- ◆ Have a better work ethic and higher earnings
- ◆ Less likely to become pregnant and use drugs



If 4-H motivates just 10 percent of Missouri's 4-H members to earn a bachelor's degree, increased annual earnings for the group would total nearly \$201 million.

The Power of One



Do you feel you are constantly "paddling up stream" — trying hard to make the right decisions for the right reasons, while others around you seem to make the easy decisions, even if they are wrong?

Don't give up. Keep paddling and capitalize on the Power of One. The Power of One is a person who makes an enduring difference in the life of another person. 4-H members, parents and volunteers have the opportunity to model good character and to encourage others to do the same.

As a 4-H member, you may be thinking that no one will notice what you do. Wrong. Someone is watching. It may be an adult, or it may be a younger 4-H member who thinks you are very special, and watches and imitates what you do.

So remember, what is right is right, even if no one else is doing it. And what is wrong is wrong, even if everyone else is doing it.

Remember there is great influence in the Power of One.



Clover Kid Camp

Thanks to 4-Hers and Clover Kids who attended the February 20th Clover Kid Camp. Animals, crafts, science, games, and woodworking made it a **CLOVERific DAY!!!**



Trip Opportunities

State 4-H Congress will be held May 31-June 2 in Columbia on the University of Missouri campus. Delegates must be 14 years of age as of January 1, 2006. This is a great way to meet other 4-H'ers from across the state and have fun at the same time. Delegates may attend more than once.

Missouri 4-H Youth Forum will be held June 26-28 in Jefferson City, Missouri. You must have completed the 8th grade or be 14 years old by January 1, 2006, to attend.

The **deadline** for registration for both of these trips is **Friday, March 31**. For more information contact the Extension Office.

GPS, GIS and Community Mapping, March 28-30 at University of Missouri. Cost \$125 plus lodging and some meals.

State Volunteer Forum

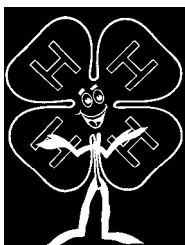
April 1 from 9-4

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.

Family Genealogy Workshop

Boardwalk Library and former 4-H Leader/Librarian Mary Celeste is offering a one day family genealogy program on March 18th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register by calling 521-7260. More information available at 4-H office or library.

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. Thanks to Eric and Molly Grusenmeyer, Nathan, Rick and Mary Silber, Michael Roe, and Derek Gerdes for hosting.

Web Page Volunteer

Wanted: 4-Her or adult interested in updating and maintaining the Platte County 4-H website. Need to have working knowledge of front page.



4-H Club Reports/Updates

Platte County Park Rangers met February 9. There were 11 members and 8 others present. We made valentines for residents of Wexford Place. We discussed the Party Light fundraiser and asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. We voted on whether the club should pay \$4 for each t-shirt order, the motion failed. After the meeting the skit committee finished the skit for Share the Fun. We will be playing bingo on Valentines Day at Wexford Place. **Our next meeting is March 9.**

Josh Elkins, Reporter

Ladybugs and Beetles met on February 14 with 17 Members & 12 Others present. We discussed our club's participation in share the fun. We talked about the fact that it conflicts with our school's play, which many members are involved in. We also decided that we will play bingo with senior citizens in April.

Demonstrations: Erin Miller - horses, Hayleigh Johnson - cats, and Samantha Yarc - dog. We made valentines for a local nursing home.

Committees/project groups reporting: There have been four ceramics meetings, there was a horse meeting, and David Woehrman ordered new chicks for the poultry project.

Our next meeting is March 13, 2006 and we will discuss our bingo plans for April.

Cassie McClellan, Reporter

The **Hoover Heroes 4-H** club met on Feb. 14, 2006 at the Hoover Christian Church. The meeting was called to order by President Eric Grusenmeyer. Pledges were said. Roll call was "What is your favorite Valentine treat?" Matt Roe, dressed in military attire, gave a presentation on his next tour of duty in Iraq. He will be with the sniper unit. Clinton Greenough gave a demonstration on Geology. A game was played and the meeting was adjourned. **Next meeting is March 14, 2006** at the Hoover Christian Church.

Courtney Whitacre, Reporter

4-H Council Minutes

February 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ben Clark at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were Ben Clark, Monty Kay Clark, Eric, Molly and Mary Kay Grusenmeyer, Marilyn Whitacre, and John Wilson (HH), Cindy Shaw, (LBB) Kathy Elkins and Regina and Kaman Turner (PCPR), Kathryn Miller (Independent), Dori Thomas and Derek Gerdes (WW), Tom Pryor and daughter (County Commissioner), and Sharen Hunt.

Pledges were said.

Tom Pryor installed the new officers using “fruity” analogies.

Mary Kay Grusenmeyer moved minutes be approved, Marilyn Whitacre 2nd. Motion passed.

Marilyn gave the treasurer’s report – stated there were 3 outstanding bills. Cindy Shaw moved the minutes be approved, Eric Grusenmeyer 2nd. Motion passed.

Dori Thomas gave a report on the leader training session. She moved that we have a Leader Development Workshop on Sept. 30, 9 – 3:30, with Kathy Newton as the keynote speaker and also proving several small group sessions. We would charge other attendees \$10, but would charge 4-Hers only for the lunch. The motion was seconded and passed. Mary Kay Grusenmeyer volunteered to help Dori with the planning.

Annual Dinner Report: Ben Clark reported the 4-Hers helped serve coffee and punch. Kathryn Miller reported on the recognition of Dr. Kincheloe, and Derek Gerdes talked about the Century Farm Award. Mary Kay Grusenmeyer said many extension council members told Evan how thankful they were to the 4-Hers for helping.

Sharen Hunt gave a brief update on the rain garden program. There will be opportunities for 4-Hers to

In old business a reminder was given for Clover Kid Camp, Feb. 20. Letters were sent to 4-Hers regarding their responsibilities.

Sharen shared her idea for a skit for the council to do at Share the Fun. Everyone is to bring ideas to the next council meeting for skit and costumes. It was suggested we try to practice briefly at the next meeting.

Cindy Shaw gave a report on Sarah Shaw’s and Madelyn Rawlings’ experience at Teen Conference.

In new business a reminder was given about the Leader Training in Columbia. Mary Kay Grusenmeyer and Dori Thomas are interested in attending.

Sharen gave an update on two upcoming programs offered by the Extension Office: Energy Saving – Feb. 21st and Financial Workshops – March 20th.

Marilyn Whitacre moved the meeting be adjourned. Mary Kay Grusenmeyer 2nd.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Grusenmeyer

CALENDAR

March 1		Japanese Exchange Host Family deadline
March 4		Platte County Park Rangers @ Nearly New
March 6	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Crop & Pest Management North Platte High School
March 9	7:00 p.m.	Horsemanship @ PRC (Program will be on nutrition)
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
March 25	6:30 p.m.	Share The Fun @PRC
April 1		Lady Bugs and Beetles @ Nearly New
April 13	4:30 p.m.	Horsemanship Bedding Sale and Meeting @ Fairgrounds

Share The Fun/Public Speaking Entry

Share The Fun:

Name _____ Talent _____ Title _____

Club Skit _____ Title _____

Public Speaking:

Name _____ Title _____



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