



CLOVER CRIER

"A NEWSLETTER FOR CASS COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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Dues \$20 for 2011-12

At the last 4-H Council meeting it was voted to continue not to ask families to do countywide fundraisers. Instead the dues for 2011-12 will be \$20. If this creates a hardship for your family please feel free to contact Sarah Torbert in confidence to discuss options. Be sure to pay \$20 this year with your enrollment!

Council Elections to be Held in September

The next meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council will be September 20th starting at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will be electing new officers and choosing the 2011 award winners along with reviewing our summer activities, including the Cass County 4-H Youth Fair. If you have additional agenda items or would like to nominate someone for an award please contact Sarah Torbert.

Mandatory Club Leaders Meeting

If you are going to be a club leader in 2011-12, you will need to attend the club leader training meeting on August 30th at the Courthouse on the square at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will hand out enrollment forms for 2011-12, discuss yearly responsibilities, share success stories, and update you on new information. If you cannot attend another leader from your club will need to be there to represent you.

4-H Council to Host Picnic and Carnival

As we start a new 4-H year the Cass County 4-H Council thought it would be good to get everyone together for some food and fun. The Council will be hosting a picnic and carnival at North Park Activity Center on September 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.. They are asking that each club plan a carnival type game for participants to play. The Council will provide the meat, table service, and prizes for the games. We are asking that each family bring a side dish.

4-H Day with the Tiger

Join other 4-H members from throughout Missouri at 4-H Day with the MU Tigers on September 3, 2011, at Faurot Field! The ticket price is only \$20 per person. If you want to attend tickets must be ordered by Friday, August 19th. Any club or group wanting to sit together must place their ticket orders together. For more information contact the Extension Office or visit. T-shirts and tickets must be ordered before the August 19 deadline. Order information is at <http://4h.missouri.edu/events/tigers/index.htm>.

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General News

Visit Tractor Supply and Support 4-H

The Fall Tractor Supply and Dell's Paper Clover promotion will be held from Wednesday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 2. Stop by Tractor Supply in Belton (only Paper Clovers purchased in Belton will support Cass County 4-H programming) and purchase your very own Clover.

If you club would like to partner with TSC and host an event at the store you will have the chance to win a \$250 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall. You will also have a chance to make your club the next face of the National Paper Clover promotional materials. Having a 4-H presence in the store is a great way to increase the number of Clovers sold and let the public know about all that 4-H has to offer. Discuss ideas at your upcoming club meetings and pick a date to host an event! Contact Sarah for more information.

Fair News

Clover Kids Day at the State Fair

Calling all Clover Kids! A special day for Clover Kids is scheduled during the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on August 14th in the 4-H Building from 9:00 - 3:00. Clover Kids will have an opportunity to:

- Display one item made during a Clover Kids meeting or event in the 4-H Building that day
- Receive a State Fair participation ribbon
- Give a demonstration (sign up that day in the 4-H Building)
- Participate in arts/crafts, science and other fun activities
- Make balloon animals

Pick Up Exhibits Reminder

Exhibits will be back from the State Fair on August 22nd around Noon. Please plan to pick up your items on the 22nd or 23rd. All food and gardening items will be thrown away. Ribbons for all projects will be awarded at the Award's Banquet.

Fundraising Ideas

Because we are raising dues this year we want to provide families and clubs with ample ways to raise the extra money needed for a successful 4-H program year. Fundraising ideas that we receive each month will be found in this special section. If your company has a fundraising opportunity be sure to let Sarah know about it so it can be shared with members throughout Cass County.

Frontier Trash Bags

The Missouri 4-H Foundation is offering a great fundraising opportunity to 4-H Clubs and Councils—a Home & Garden Bag fundraiser using Frontier Bags, made by a 35-year-old company here in Missouri. Ever use a MoDOT clean-up bag? It's a Frontier Bag. These are super-tough trash bags that every household needs and uses.

Rolls of bags are sold for \$10 (see attachments for types and quantities of bags per roll). For each \$10.00 roll sold: 4-H Clubs receive \$3.50; Frontier Bag receives \$6.10, and the Foundation receives 40 cents. The official kick off for this project starts on Sept. 6 but clubs can take orders at anytime. Orders must be postmark by October 3rd and paid with one check to the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

If you would like forms or more information about this fundraiser please contact the Extension Office soon so you can get started!

Project News

HORSE

Horse Committee Meeting

The Horse Committee will be meeting on August 23rd at the Old Courthouse on the 3rd floor. We would like EVERYONE'S input so please plan to attend. The meeting will start at 6:30 and we will discuss awards, fun show, and review the 2011 show season.

Horse Project Books Due September 1st

Just a reminder that Horse Project members who think they might be eligible for an end of the year high point award must have their books to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on September 1st. That date is fast approaching so please start working on them now!

LIVESTOCK

CCJLA Carcass Show

This year the Carcass Show will be held on August 29th at the North Park Activity Center. The event will start with a meal at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal we will present awards for the beef and swine carcass contest. An RSVP is requested so that we can plan for how much food to order, call 816-380-8460!

CCJLA Fair Review and Officer Elections

While the CCJLA shows are fresh in your mind please take some time to jot down a few notes on things that went well and things that need to be changed. We will be having a Fair Review meeting and elect 2011-12 officers on September 26th starting at 7pm at the Old Courthouse on the square.

This is your chance to have input about how the shows are run. We need everyone's opinions so please plan to attend.

Remember to Thank the CCJLA Sponsors

Just a reminder to all CCJLA exhibitors, please remember to send a thank you note to the various show sponsors. If you received a trophy, or other special award please be sure to send a thank you note. Also remember that each of you received a shirt and something animal related when you arrived at the show. Check the fairbook to see who sponsored the different items you received and send them a note of appreciation.

RABBITS

October 9th Kick Off Planned

The Rabbit Project is getting started early! We want to make sure everyone has time to get the show quality rabbits they need for the 2012 show season. Location and time is yet to be determined, but mark your calendars for this event if you plan to be part of the rabbit project next year.

SHOOTING SPORTS

County Shooting Sports Contest

The County Shooting Sports Contest will be held on August 20th at the Lake Lotawana Sportsman's Club and the Hoenshell home. Thanks to all who registered. Specific contest information was sent out last week. Please watch the mail for more details.

The State Trap Shoot will be held August 27th, all other state activities will be September 17th.

Instructor Certification

I know that last year we have at least 7 leaders who were willing to get certified to help out with our shooting sports program, but the class filled up too fast. The next training will be October 7-9 at Camp Galilee in El Dorado Springs, MO. We are in need of leaders in all disciplines, so if you are willing to help please let us know and we will pay for your certification. Call the Extension Office for an application.

Also please note we are actively searching for someone to take over the main lead for our Hunting and Outdoor Skills project. This is a separate training, but if this is something you have an interest in please let Sarah Torbert, David Rush, or John Vic Grice know so we can point you in the right direction.

2012 State Team Tryouts

In 2011 we had four Cass County youth on National Teams, are you interested in being part of a National Team in 2012?

Six of 9 state teams will be selected this fall and winter for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational Match to be held in June 2012 in Grand Island, Nebraska. Any 4-H Shooting Sports member who is in good standing with their county program, and at least 14 years of age may be a team member. Most of the state teams have multiple try-out dates. Each team has a unique process and unique pre-registration due date, so read carefully. Smallbore Rifle and Muzzleloading team selection begins with the State Shoot.

For more details and registration forms check the website:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>

Club Reports

Cass County 4-H Council

The Cass County 4-H Council met Tuesday, July 13th, 6:30 pm at the Memorial Building in Pleasant Hill. The Speaking Contest and the Fashion Report were reviewed. A total of ten participated and it was agreed that it was the best ones yet. Project on Wheels was also reviewed. It went well but there were not a lot of items or help making the baskets. A special thanks to Krisit Lee and Kelsie Goth for all of their work on this project! The council also voted to raise county dues to \$20 dollars and it passed.

The county will have the Carnival September 25th. The Change for Kids Helping Kids and 4-H record books are due by October 1st. Another reminder is that nominations for county level awards are to by September 15th. For a list of upcoming events, please look in the Clover Crier.

The next County Council meeting is Tuesday, September 20th, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Old Courthouse which will be County Council Officer Elections.

-Alex Olsen, Cass County Council Reporter

Dusters

The Dusters 4-H Club met on Sunday, July 10, 2011, 2:30 pm at Lake Lotowana Sportsmen's Club. In unfinished business, members are to meet at Hoenshell's to build the float for the Cass County Fair on Wednesday and Friday at 6 pm. The parade is Saturday, July 16 - meet the Pleasant Hill High School at 8 am. In new business, members voted to use club funds to pay for county and state shooting sports contest fees and a state T-shirt for participating members. Members signed thank you cards to Roy Brinkoetter, Wayne Hoenshell, and Tamera Gardner for their help with special projects. The community service project is to fill water balloons at the Pleasant Hill Branch Library at 4:30 pm.

Alex Olsen and Ian Olsen talked about their trip to State 4-H Congress and encouraged older members to participate. They also described their experience at National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in San Antonio in June.

President Ian Olsen reminded members that the new 4-H year starts September 1 and 4-H record books are due October 1. The next club meeting will be Sunday, August 14, 2:30 pm, at Lake Lotowana Sportsmen's Club.

Dusty Trails

The Dusty Trails 4-H club had their monthly meeting on July 12, 2011 at 5:30 in the First Baptist Church in Peculiar. While we were there we found out that we are able to make T- shirts for our club members now because the place we were going to get them at, got their T-shirt machine fixed. Libby Semler will be sending out an e-mail asking who wants what size and how many shirts you would like to get. The next order of business we took care of was about the bake sale. The lady from our club that was supposed to get that information was not able to attend our meeting, so we tabled it until the next meeting. Also we are supposed to bring socks and underwear for Joplin relief. We have finally found a source through the Red Cross to get our donations down there. At our next meeting on August 13th we will be updating our club by-laws. Please note the **change** for our **next meeting** is on August the 13th, a Saturday and it is at 11 o' clock instead of 5:30. Thank you!

-Reporter, Ashly Weight



Project Meetings

-Listed in alphabetical order by project-

Project	Date	Time	Location	Contact Info
Air Pistol	August 14 and 28 September 11	6 pm	Hoenshell Home	Monica Hoenshell 816-585-1756
Muzzleloading	August 23 September 13	5-8 pm	Lake Lotawana	Lawrence Holder 816-716-2639
Rabbits	September 25 October 9	1-3 pm	FCS Financial	Amy Endecott 816-899-2540
Shotgun	August 14 September 4 and 11	1-4 pm	Lake Lotawana Hoenshell Home	Keith DeBrot 816-810-4279
Sportfishing	August 27	10 am	Moreland Home	Matt Moreland 816-258-1797

End of the Year News

End of the Year Reports Due

If you have not started already, be aware that the end of the 4-H year is close at hand and Record Books, Secretary Books, Key Award Applications, County Medal Applications and other award forms are due soon. Awards can be found on the Cass County 4-H Web site, the Extension Office or your club leader.

Year Completion Award (Record Books)

In order to achieve in Cass County 4-H, each member is required to complete a Permanent Record Book as well as receive approval from his or her club leader. Books contain your 4-H story, information about the year you have had in 4-H and a record page for each project. Green covers for these books can be purchased at the Extension Office for \$3 each (please note price change). **DUE OCT. 1.** Please note if you are applying for the Outstanding Member Award your Record Book is due September 15th. If you think you are eligible for a High Point Horse Award your Record Book is due September 1st.

County Awards and Medals:

This award is given to youth who excel in a given project. A member may receive a maximum of three county medals in each project during his or her 4-H career. To receive this award, fill out a County 4-H Medal Recognition Award Application or a Missouri Recognition Form. These forms can be obtained from your club leader or by calling the Extension Office. **DUE OCT. 1.**

Outstanding Member Award

This award is given to up to five county 4-H members who have excelled during their time in 4-H. Including two age categories for older members who have been in 4-H less than three years. Recipients of this award receive a \$50 savings bond from FCS Financial. **DUE SEPT. 15.**

Club Awards

Club leaders were sent additional award information. Please ask them about the individual awards listed in this section and also be sure to talk at your club meetings about Community Service Reports, Outstanding 4-H Family, I Dare You Award, the Friend of 4-H Award, 4-H Alumni Award and the Gene Olsen Donor Award. We need the help of each club to nominate people for these awards. All above nominations are **due SEPT. 15.** Nominations can come from the club level or can be made by individual members. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact your club leader for an award application or visit the Cass County 4-H Web site to obtain a form at www.extension.missouri.edu/cass. Secretary Books, Treasurer Books, and Scrapbooks are due September 15.

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7	8	9	10	11-MO State Fair	12 -MO State Fair -Sarah Gone	13 -MO State Fair
14 -MO State Fair -Clover Kid Day at the State Fair -Air Pistol, 6pm, Hoenshell Home -Shotgun, 1-4, LL	15 -MO State Fair	16-MO State Fair	17 -MO State Fair	18 -MO State Fair	19 -MO State Fair -4-H Day with Tigers Registration Due	20 -MO State Fair -County Shooting Sports Contest
21 -MO State Fair	22 -Pick Up State fair Projects starting at Noon	23 -Horse Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Courthouse -Muzzleloading, 5-8pm, LL	24-Sarah Gone	25 -Sarah Gone	26	27 -State Trap Shoot -Sportfishing, 10am, Moreland Home
28-Air Pistol, 6pm, Hoenshell Home	29 -Carcass Contest, 6pm, NP	30 -Mandatory Club Leader Meeting, 7 pm, Courthouse	31	AUGUST		

SEPTEMBER				1-Horse Project Books Due for End of Year Awards	2	3-4-H Day with the Tigers
4-Shotgun, 1-4, Hoenshell Home	5	6	7	8	9	10-State Horse Speaking Contest -State Fashion Review Contest -State Livestock Judging Contest
11-Air Pistol, 6pm, Hoenshell Home -Shotgun, 1-4, Hoenshell Home	12	13-Muzzleloading, 5-8pm, LL	14	15 -End of Year Award Nominations Due and Outstanding Member	16	17 -State Shoot, Prairie Grove Gun Club
18 -State Shoot, Prairie Grove Gun Club	19	20 -4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Courthouse	21-TSC Paper Clover Sales Start	22	23	24-State Public Speaking Contest
25- 4-H Carnival, 5-7 pm, NP -Rabbit Project Meeting, 1-3, FCS	26 -CCJLA Meeting, 7pm, Courthouse	27	28	29	30	