



CLOVER CRIER

"A NEWSLETTER FOR CASS COUNTY 4-H FAMILIES"

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Dues \$20 for 2011-12

Don't forget it was voted to continue not to ask families to do countywide fundraisers and 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!

Get Your Enrollment Forms In

The 4-H year officially ended on Aug. 31, 2011. We have now entered the 2011-12 4-H year. Leaders have received new enrollment forms. Please be sure to fill out your enrollment form and mailing options form and get them back to your leader or the Extension Office with your \$20 dues as soon as possible. Please check with your club leader for more enrollment information. Enrollments will NOT be accepted without payment. We are asking that forms be in our office by October 21, 2011 in order to receive you November newsletter. Enrollments will be accepted all year long, however in order to keep our records up to date we ask that returning members turn their forms in as soon as possible.

Welcome Kathy Edwards

If you have called or stopped by the Extension Office in the past few weeks you may have noticed a new face or voice. We would like to welcome Kathy Edwards to the University of Missouri Extension and 4-H family. Kathy will be serving as the new Administrative Assistant in the Cass County Office.

She is very eager and excited to meet and work with all of the Cass County families. As she is still learning all about 4-H and Extension please be patient with her and do your best to welcome her and tell her all about your 4-H experiences.

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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 2-8, 2011

General News

National 4-H Week

National 4-H week will be October 2-8, 2011. The theme this year is "Join the Revolution of Responsibility." Be sure to show your 4-H pride this week. What are you doing to Join the Revolution?

Hayride and Hay Tunnel

The Cass County 4-H Council would like to invite your family to attend the Cass County 4-H sponsored hayride, bonfire, and hay tunnel. This event will again be held at the Moreland home just outside of Harrisonville. The 4-H Council will provide drinks, hotdogs, plates and other essential items. Families are asked to bring a side dish for the meal. The event will be on October 29th starting at 6:30 p.m. Please dress accordingly as it may be cold outside. Last year everyone had a great time with the hay tunnel. Please use this opportunity to introduce your friends to 4-H by bringing them along!

Directions to the Moreland's home - Take 291 to 225th Street (Circle C Feed) and go east on 225th to the second white fence on the right. The Moreland home is a two story home with a large pole building next to it.

Wear Your 4-H Shirt to School

Do you have a 4-H shirt? If you do help us in celebrating National 4-H Week by wearing your favorite 4-H shirt to school on Monday October 3rd. Be sure to ask your teacher for the opportunity to tell your class about your 4-H projects. Members who bring in a picture or note from a teacher that they shared about 4-H in school will get a special 4-H prize.

Council Election Results

Congratulations to our 2011-12 Cass County 4-H Council Officers:

Ian Olsen, President
Leslie Iseman, Vice President
Blake Moreland, Treasurer
Lauren Crudup, Secretary
Austin Moreland, Reporter
Kristi Lee, Historian.
Sydney Hoffman, Council Liaison

Awards Banquet Set for October 15th

The Cass County Awards Banquet will be held on October 15th. We will have the event at the Harrisonville High School starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center (auditorium). Each club is asked to provide two door prizes.

This year's theme is "College Night", dressing for the theme is encouraged, but please keep it 4-H appropriate. We will have a cake and punch reception following the event. Families receiving awards will receive a special invitation, but everyone is invited to attend!

Welcome New Families

During the upcoming months we welcome many new families to the Cass County 4-H Program. As a veteran family you may remember the first few years of 4-H being confusing. Please welcome new members into your club and help them to become involved in club, county, and state activities. You get out of 4-H what you put into it!

If you are a new (or newer) family in the Cass County 4-H program and have questions that need answered, or just need some direction please don't hesitate to call the University of Missouri Extension Office at 816-380-8460, ask for Sarah and hopefully we will get your questions answered.

Club Officer Training - October 24th

Club Officers and other interested members are invited to Club Officer Training on October 24th starting at 6 pm. The event will start with a pizza party for anyone who calls to register. We will have 4-H Council Officers and alumni members there to talk about each office and give you the ins and outs of what it takes to be a good officer. At the conclusion we will have a mock meeting complete with games, dances, and song. We will be focusing on the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Reporter, and Song and Game Leader. If you or your child hold any of these offices in your club please plan to attend.

RSVP by October 19th for FREE PIZZA. If you are not an officer, but may be interested in an officer or are part of your club recreation committee or historian team this will be a great workshop for you to attend to. Hope to see you there!

Community Service News

Goodwill Looks for Clubs to Help

Would your club like to be part of the Connect and Collect community-wide recycling and donation drive? Goodwill needs the help of 4-H clubs to collect and deliver donations of good used clothing, household items, books, games, computers and electronics to a designated location. Your clubs can help your community and Goodwill by sponsoring a Connect & Collect donation drive. Recycling or donation drives can be conducted at any time throughout the year for a specific period of time. Clubs can choose to have a one-day, one-week, or month-long drive. If your club would like to get involved please contact Joyce Peters, Community Relations Coordinator to schedule a Connect & Collect donation drive. At 816-842-7425, ext. 257 or jpeters@mokangoodwill.org. Please share this idea with other clubs and organizations who might be interested in helping you.



Volunteer News

On-Line Volunteer Training Option

All new leaders must attend a volunteer orientation. We will have a few face to face trainings in the upcoming months but even easier you can do your training online. To take the course online go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and for the user name use _kids and the password is volunteer. Select "Yes" any time the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the link located on the left side of the screen "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation." A welcome screen appears and will guide you through the course.

If you do not have access to the internet you can also check out a CD Rom from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation.

Last Reminder - Leader Training Discover the Clover

Are you a leader or parent looking for help, more ideas, or just a place to get away and have FUN with other leaders in Missouri 4-H? This is your opportunity. Discover the Clover registration is available on the 4-H website (4h.missouri.edu). This event will be held on **November 4-5, 2011** at the University of Missouri, Columbia Campus. The registration fee \$40.00 (scholarships are available). The registration deadline is October 15th!

Here are some highlights:

- Friday evening enjoy pizza, Share Fair and Skill-a-thons at the Quality Inn
- Saturday there's something for everyone. Select from 50 workshops
- Need more project literature? Pre-order literature and pick it up at Discover the Clover to avoid shipping and handling costs

In the past Cass County leaders have REALLY enjoyed this opportunity. Get your 4-H friends together and plan to attend. If you would like to hear from a past participant please contact Lynn Lee at 816-682-3202.



Older Member News

Leadership Project Starts in October

The leadership project is starting again. If you are a teen member of 4-H and would like to be part of the Cass County 4-H leadership project please join us on October 18th at the Courthouse on the 2nd floor. Through leadership you will learn more about yourself, working with others, communication, trips you can go on, and awards. Please plan to attend, it is LOTS OF FUN! We will start the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. At this meeting we will be planning officer training so bring ideas!

American Royal Youth Leadership Day

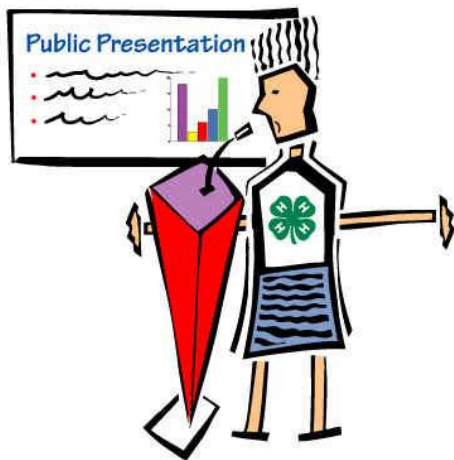
The American Royal is pleased to welcome high school youth with an agriculture interest to Youth Leadership day on October 29th. A \$25 registration fee includes a ticket to the 2:00 p.m. performance of our PRCA ProRodeo at the Sprint Center, lunch, and registration to the conference which will be held from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at the American Royal Complex. The conference will feature guest speaker Rhett Laubach, former Oklahoma FFA President and Professional Speaker. For more information or to register go to www.americanroyal.com.



Travel to Spain and Portugal

Thirty Missouri 4-H members will have the opportunity to travel to Spain and Portugal, August/September 2012. The trip will have an emphasis on agricultural tourism with visits to not only an olive plantation but also the corporate headquarters of John Deere in Lisbon, Portugal all while touring the sights of Spain and Portugal.

Contact Sarah at the Extension Office for application materials. Registration materials are due November 15th so start thinking about your interest!



Project News

County-wide Projects

Check out the list of projects that will be offered at a county level. There are lots of new options! Updates on these project will be available through the Clover Crier so if you sign up for one of them please watch the newsletter for more information!

Shooting Sports 740-749 (various leaders)

Leadership 271, 273 (Sarah Torbert - youth 12 +)

Robotics 881-886

Horse Judging 140 (Mike Klockenga)

Public Speaking 242 (Cheryl Crudup)

Dog Care 171-173 (Sarah Thompson)

Photography 351-353

Poultry 151-153 (Tiffany Springer)

Sportfishing 725-727 (Matt Moreland)

Livestock Judging 117 (Jason Dieckhoff)

Vet. Science 191-93 (Keith Wagner)

Rabbits 111-113 (Amy Endecott)

Meats (Hams) 115 (Jason Dieckhoff & Tonya Preston)

Beef 121 (Steve and Tammy Bartholomew)

Robotics Leader Needed

Do you or your kids have an interest in Robotics? We are in need of a countywide Robotics Leader! We have equipment and we even have grant money to buy more, but we need someone who is willing to take charge of the group. The good news is we have a lot of resources that will help you, even if you are not a robot expert. Please contact Sarah to get involved.

Attention Project Leaders

If you are willing to be or would like more information on being a countywide leader please contact Sarah at 380-8460. We are always looking for more projects to add to the list! Please send your countywide project meeting dates to the Extension Office by the 23rd of each month so that they can be part of the monthly newsletter.

POULTRY

October 9th Kick Off Planned

Our first meeting of the year will be October 9th at North Park starting at 3 pm. We will continue to meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 3 pm. If you want to be part of the 2011-12 Poultry Project please plan to attend.

Club Reports

Cass County to Host Show-Me Poultry Show

Invite your friends to show their chickens at the Show-Me Poultry Show on November 5th at North Park Activity Center in Harrisonville, MO. Bird testing will be held from 1-2:30 pm with the show starting at 3 pm. The entry fee is only \$1 per bird or coop. This is a great way to get started early in showing. The show is open to youth ages 5-18, they do not need to be members of 4-H or FFA.

In addition to showing your birds you can enter showmanship and the rooster crowing contest. Contact Tiffany Johnston at 816-308-0205 or Americanpride13@embarqmail.com or Sarah at the Extension Office for rules and entry information. Please share this with others who might be interested.

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. We will meet to plan our year on October 9th from 2-4 at FCS Financial in Harrisonville. Please attend if you want to be part of the 2011-12 Rabbit Project.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Hunter Education Clinic and Hunt

The Missouri Hunter Heritage Federation would like to invite youth ages 9-14 to participate in a Hunter Education Clinic on October 21-23, 2011. The clinic includes: Missouri's Hunter Education Certification Class, supervised live-fire, a mentored Waterfowl hunt, group meal, and a MHHF T-Shirt. A \$20 refundable registration fee is required to reserve a spot in the clinic. Limited to first five qualified participants registered. Participants must be accompanied by a parent/chaperone. The classroom course conducted 6:00 to 9:30 Friday evening, October 21st and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, October 22nd at the Settle's Ford Conservation Area, 37111 E. 361 Street, Garden City, MO 64747. Live-fire session immediately following the class. Mentored hunt Sunday morning, October 23rd (location to be determined). Lunch provided Sunday immediately following the hunt. Contact MHHF executive director Allan Hoover for additional information and registration; phone: (816) 540-3908 or email at allan@mhhf.us.

Cass County 4-H Council

The Cass County 4-H Council meeting was held September 20th at 7:00pm. At the meeting we elected officers. A complete list can be found in the General News section. We reviewed summer activities and discussed the upcoming Carnival and Hayride. We also picked award winners for the 2011 4-H year, be sure to come to the banquet and see who they are! The Council Officers will meet on October 2nd at Pizza Hut. The leadership project will be on October 18th at 7 pm. The next 4-H County Council meeting will be November 15th at 7 pm at the Courthouse.
-Austin Moreland, Reporter

Archie Achievers

The Archie Achievers met September 9, 2011, at the Archie Community Building. The meeting was called to order by our new club leaders: Kim Ford and Allison Willson. We started our meeting with the installation of our new club officers. After regular club business we discussed forming committees to help our leaders. Then we discussed 4-H Week. The club voted to have a window display that week, at one of our local businesses. The club members played a game lead by our game leader, Emily Willson. Meanwhile, the parents met to review meeting times, Clover Kids, and other club information. All families received enrollment forms and a reminder that dues have been raised to \$20 per member. The meeting was adjourned after discussing due dates for member and officer record books, awards, and the upcoming County 4-H Carnival. Our next meeting will be October 4th, at 7:00 pm.
-Ashley Grimes, Reporter

Dusty Trails

The Dusty Trails 4-H club had their monthly meeting on September 13 at the First Baptist Church in Peculiar. We talked about upcoming news like the 4-H County Council meeting, and the carnival. We decided that we are going to do the doughnut-on-a-string game. After we figured out who was going to do what, we had our yearly elections. Our new club President is Libby Semler, Vice President: Shelby Weight, Secretary: Dakota Oberto, Treasurer: Shelby Weight, Reporter: Ashly Weight, and Historian: C.J. Semler. Congratulations to everyone and we hope you

have a great new 4-H year. Please don't forget that our next meeting will be at 5:15 instead of 5:30.

-Reporter, Ashly Weight

Lucky Clovers

The Lucky Clovers 4-H Club had their monthly meeting on September 1st, at the Garden City Community Building, at 6:00. The Clover Kids will meet in September to do their annual planning meeting. Date and time to be determined and a text will be sent out. Members reported to the club about county fair and the results of the State Fair. The County will be doing a Poultry Show on November 5th at North Park. At the November meeting, the Lucky Clovers will be doing a Potluck showcasing different countries. Members are asked to research a different country, bring a dish from that country and provide two facts that they learned about the people or culture of that country. It was decided to do a float in the Garden City Parade on Sept 24th. Jeanne Kanzler will be organizing that event. Debbie advised the club that dues had went up and to contact the Extension Office if that was a burden. Debbie also announced that this would be her last year as Club Leader and encouraged others to think about stepping up to that position. Club Elections were held. The officers are: President: Brandon Jones, Vice-President: Woody Springer, Secretary: Hallie Kanzler, Treasurer: Makayla Thompson, Photographers: Gage Holtwick & Lane Heaper, Song Leader: Woody Springer, Recreation: Hayden,

Reporter: Bradley Jones, 4-H Council: Brandon Jones & Karsyn Kanzler. Enrollment forms were given out. Please return them to Debbie as soon as possible. Next Month's Meeting will be on October 6th at 6:00. Text reminders will be sent out. Please provide cell numbers to Valerie Jones if you wish to be contacted this way.

-Bradley Jones, Reporter

Southfork

The Southfork club met September 10th @ 6:00 pm, at the Southfork Baptist Church. Club Leader Tammy Bartholomew provided hot dogs, chips and dessert for the members prior to the meeting. For new business we elected officer for 2011-12 4-H year. President: Luke Bartholomew, Vice-President: Levi Drake, Secretary: Jessie Bauerle, Treasurer: Kristi Lee, Reporter, Karyn Carpenter, Co-Historian/Photographers: Shelby Drake & Chase Smith, Primary Council Representatives: Paul McAlexander & Lauren Evans. A leader recommendation was to establish community service with one adult and the Vice-President in an ex-officio position to develop service ideas and make recommendations to the club at the October meeting. The committee will meet at 1:30 pm on October 2nd. The next meeting will be 2nd of October at 2:00 pm at the Southfork Baptist Church.

-Karyn Carpenter, Reporter

Project Meetings

-Listed in alphabetical order by project-

Project	Date	Time	Location	Contact Info
Dog Care	October 11	7 pm	North Park	Sarah Thompson 816-738-3357
Leadership	October 18	7 pm	Courthouse	Sarah Torbert 816-380-8463
Poultry	October 9	3 pm	North Park	Tiffany Johnston 816-308-0205
Rabbits	October 9	2-4 pm	FCS Financial	Amy Endecott 816-899-2540

Information Due 23rd of Each Month

If you would like to include information about something your club or project group is doing, or just want to announce an opportunity for members please send your submissions to the Cass County Extension Office by the 23rd of the month. Send e-mail torberts@missouri.edu or fax 816-380-8465.

OCTOBER

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2-Window Displays need to be in place -Council Officer Meeting, 5:30 pm, Pizza Hut	3-Record Books and County Medal Apps Due -Wear Your 4-H Shirt to School	4	5	6	7 -Shooting Sports Leader Certification	8-Shooting Sports Leader Certification
National 4-H Week - Join the Revolution of Responsibility						
9-Rabbit Project Meeting, 2-4 FCS -Shooting Sports Leader Certification -Poultry Project Meeting, 3 pm- NP	10	11-Dog Project Meeting, 7pm, NP	12	13	14	15-Awards Banquet, 6pm, Harrisonville High School -Discover The Clover Reg. Due
16	17	18-Leadership Project Meeting, 7pm, Courthouse	19-RSVP for Officer Training	20	21-Enrollment Forms Due for November Newsletter	22
23-Clover Crier Information Due	24-Officer Training, 6pm, NP	25	26	27	28	29-Hayride and Hay Tunnel, Moreland Home, 6:30 pm -American Royal Youth Leadership Day
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		1	2	3	4-Discover The Clover Leader Training, Columbia, MO	5-Discover The Clover Leader Training, Columbia, MO -Show Me Poultry Show, 3 pm, NP
6	7	8-Dog Project Meeting, 7pm, NP	9	10	11	12
13-Poultry Project Meeting, 3 pm- NP	14	15-4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Courthouse	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23-Clover Crier Information Due	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	NOVEMBER		

2011 NORTH CENTRAL REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER E-FORUM

SAVE THE DATES!

Dates for the 3 sessions:

- Monday, 11/07
- Thursday, 11/17 &
- Tuesday, 11/22



Time for each session:

- 7:30-9:30 p.m. (ET)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. (CT)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. (MT)

Join with other 4-H Volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information that will help you work with your 4-H members. Session topics include Positive Youth Development, 4-H Program Management, and New & Emerging Curriculum. More information about the location and additional details will be announced soon!

Join the 4-H Techno Evolution!!

Discover the Clover Missouri Volunteer Forum



**November 4-5, 2011
Columbia, Missouri**

You give your time and commitment directly from the Heart! For our wonderful volunteers, we offer a conference designed especially for you.

Come, experience, learn, refresh, and meet others who give so much to the 4-H program.