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"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.

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.

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.

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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." Use your September club meeting to plan fun events related to 4-H in your communities during this week! We will be having a Window Display contest as part of National 4-H Week. Clubs will get monetary prizes and points toward the Super Club Award. See details in this newsletter, be sure to plan at your club meeting

Window Display Contest

So many people don't know how great 4-H is! National 4-H Week is a great time to tell everyone your 4-H story. As a club I hope that you will plan a Window Display or Bulletin Board to tell everyone about 4-H in your community. The rules for the display are as follows:

1. Display must be in a public area (talk with your library, local business, banks, school, etc for places to put your display).
2. Displays must be in place by October 2nd and stay up until October 8th.
3. In your display you must include the following information: club name, how to join, Extension Office Phone number (380-8460).
4. Extra points will be given if you use the National 4-H Week Theme.

If your club has a window display please let me know where it is located by October 1st so that we can send someone around to judge it. If you have questions or need more information please feel free to contact the Extension office.

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

Awards Banquet Set for October 15th

We are currently planning on having the Cass County Awards Banquet on October 15th. We will have the event at the Harrisonville High School starting at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Visit Tractor Supply and Support 4-H

The Fall Tractor Supply and Del'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.

Welcome New Families

During the month of September 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, new this year you 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 officer and give you the ins and outs of what it takes to be a good officer. After some basic instructions clubs will be asked to break into club groups and set some basic goals and talk about their 4-H year. 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!

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)

Small Engines 851-853 (Jeff Torbert)

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)

Horseless Horse 140 (Amy Endecott)

Beef 121 (Steve and Tammy Bartholomew)

If you would like to lead a countywide project please contact Sarah as we are always looking for new project leaders. Also if you are looking for a project and would like to see it become a countywide project please let us know!

DOG

Dog Training Classes

The 4-H dog project will be getting started in October! If you are looking for some extra practice there is an opportunity for additional Dog Training Classes. These classes are not offered or associated with the 4-H program. The classes include Basic Obedience, Pet Therapy, and Rally. The classes will start in September and October. For information e-mail claircrest@aol.com.

HORSE

Horse Project Books Due September 15th

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 15th. That date is fast approaching so please start working on them now!

LIVESTOCK

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

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.

Open Sporting Clays Tournament

In conjunction with the official 4-H State Sporting Clays event for 4-H members, there will also be an open Sporting Clays tournament for parents, volunteers, alumni, and general public on September 18th at Prairie Grove Gun Club. Please spread the word and consider participating yourself. Consider this a special invitation to recent 4-H SS alumni. No pre-registration is required. Additional information is available on the 4-H Shooting Sports website: <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/contests.htm>

Club Reports

Dusty Trails

The Dusty Trails 4-H Club had their monthly meeting at on August 13, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Peculiar. We updated our by-laws. We decided that we would add a by-law in our by-laws that says if you

hold an office in our club you cannot hold that position for longer than two years, unless no one else wants that position. Also we talked about up-coming events like, turning in our record books and the awards banquet. Next we discussed our community service records, figured out how many people attended, and how many acts of service we did. Please remember that our club leader Beth needs all of the project leader information by the end of the month. Also we moved our next meeting on September 14, 2011 at 5:15. Please try to be there on time because we will be holding our yearly elections. Also, we will be doing the donut-on-a-string game for the 4-H carnival on Sept. 25th.

-Reporter, Ashly Weight

Clovers to...

Clovers to... recognizes 4-H members and clubs who have gone above and beyond in 4-H and outside of 4-H.

- ✿ Ashley Grimes for placing 5th in the MO Staet Fair Live Evaluation Contest of the Carcass Steer Show Youth Division.

New Text Messaging Feature

Exciting news! The Missouri 4-H program is now using a new enrollment system that will allow us to send text messages and multiple e-mails to keep you up to date on new information. This will be great for cancellations and last minute changes. This year when filling out your enrollment form please be sure to include your cell phone number of the mailing options form to become part of this great service!



Project Meetings

-Listed in alphabetical order by project-

Project	Date	Time	Location	Contact Info
Air Pistol	September 11	6 pm	Hoenshell Home	Monica Hoenshell 816-585-1756
Archery	September 11	4:30 pm	North Park	Dan Olsen 816-331-8808
Air Rifle	September 11	2 pm	North Park	Scott White 816-322-4684
Dog Care	October 11	7 pm	North Park	Sarah Thompson 816-738-3357
Leadership	October 18	7 pm	Courthouse	Sarah Torbert 816-380-8463
Muzzleloading	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	September 4 and 11	1-4 pm	Hoenshell Home	Keith DeBrot 816-810-4279
Smallbore Rifle	September 10	9-11 am	Schrock Home	Wayne Schrock 816-217-7430

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.**

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 -Smallbore Rifle, 9-11 Schrock
11-Air Pistol, 6pm, Hoenshell Home -Shotgun, 1-4, Hoenshell Home -Archery, 4:30 pm, NP -Air Rifle, 2 pm, NP	12	13-Muzzleloading, 5-8pm, LL	14	15 -End of Year Award Nominations Due and Outstanding Member -Club Officer Books Due	16	17 -State Shoot, Prairie Grove Gun Club
18 -State Shoot, Prairie Grove Gun Club -Open Sporting Clays Tournament	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	

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2-Window Displays need to be in place	3-Record Books and County Medal Apps Due	4	5	6	7 -Shooting Sports Leader Certification	8-Shooting Sports Leader Certification
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9-Rabbit Project Meeting, TBD -Shooting Sports Leader Certification	10	11-Dog Project Meeting, 7pm, NP	12	13	14	15-Awards Banquet, 6pm, Harrisonville High School
16	17	18-Leadership Project Meeting, 7pm, NP	19-RSVP for Officer Training	20	21	22
23	24-Officer Training, 6pm, NP	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	OCTOBER				

