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CLOVER TOSSES TO



- Every 4-H member who participated in the Fair!
- Every 4-H leader who participated in the Fair!
- Every 4-H parent and grandparent who participated in the Fair!
- State Fair exhibitors – Alex Abend, Allyson Abend, Helen Alpern, Phoebe Alpern, Faith Arendt, Matthew Barrett, Megan Barrett, Michael Barrett, Meredith Brunkow, Paige Carter, Brynne Davis, Marchelle Debus, Kathryn Edwards, Lydia Harris, Kristin Johnson, Kristina Jordan, Rachel Keefe, Griffy Kesler, Whitney Kinder, Emma King, Kayla-Rain Mansell, Grace McKay, Lydia McKay, Brianna Payne, Jacob Peters, Karlin Peters, Nathan Pettiecord, Monroe Pruet, Charlie Raasch, Stephanie Rarer, Bryan Sibell, Cheyenne Sibell, Danny Sibell, Laurel Silcott, Cassie Sisson, Allison Summer, Liz Tarr, Kelly Walters, Isaiah Wiese, Travis Zimmer.
- State 4-H Public Speaking Contest – Brynne Davis, Meredith Brunkow, Faith Arendt, Helen Alpern.
- State 4-H Fashion Revue – Meredith Brunkow, Cheyenne Sibell, Whitney Kinder, Phoebe Alpern, Grace McKay.
- State 4-H Demonstrations – Meredith Brunkow, Lydia McKay, Kelly Walters, Helen Alpern, Karlin Peters, Jacob Peters, Paige Carter.
- State 4-H Horse Show participants – Rachel Keefe, Cody Noeller, Courtney Reckrodt, Ashley Lewis.

4-H AUCTION BASKETS

The magic number was \$327 – that is how much was raised with the sale of the 4-H baskets. Great job!

THANK YOU

A special thank you to everyone who stepped up to the plate and helped Friday and Saturday morning while I was at the hospital with my husband, David. He had a gall bladder attack Thursday evening right after the working demonstrations and had his gall bladder removed on Friday. I certainly appreciated your concerns and prayers during that time. David is feeling great now!

The Roller coasters and mini-energizer was enjoyed by everyone who participated. Thank you for making that a success!

It certainly takes everyone volunteering to make the Fair fun, educational and an event to remember.

Thank you again for making a difference in Clay County 4-H.

Nancy Mense

MISSOURI STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

Exhibits must be in the extension office no later than 5 p.m. on August 7th to be taken to Sedalia for exhibit in the 4-H



Building at the state fair in Sedalia. Items will be on display the entire time of the Fair, Aug. 13-23, and then they will be brought back to the Extension office. You will need to pick up your items between August 26 and 31. Items left after August 31 will be thrown away.

www.mostatefair.com –

this website has all you ever want to know about the State Fair.

We have coupons for \$1 off admission on Saturday, August 22nd and \$5 off unlimited daily carnival wristbands for Monday-Friday only. These are available on a first-come, first served basis.

Daily discounted exhibitor admission tickets are back again this year and available to all competitive entrants for \$4 each. Tickets can be purchased through August 12 from the Missouri State Fair business office and will not be available at the gate. Each exhibitor can purchase up to 40 tickets; admission is free for exhibitors age 12 and under and so these exhibitors do not need admission tickets.

MORE FUN IN SCIENCE

MU Extension 4-H is co-sponsoring the three-day MOre Fun in Science event, August 20-22. Plan to be at the fair for Show-Me Robots, Aug. 20, when Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall will be full of exhibits, robot demonstrations, competitions and hands-on robot activities. MU Extension 4-H members also can help set a world record at the Mentos Soda Launch at 2 p.m. in the grandstand infield, Aug. 22. The goal is to create 2,500 fountains by dropping Mentos into soda. And while you're at the fair, be sure to stop by the 4-H Building to find your exhibits and watch some demonstrations.

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 16 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

MISSOURI REPORT FORM TIME

Deadline – August 25

It will be time to turn in your Missouri Report Form (MRF) for county recognition! Do you need help completing your MRF? Do you even know what a MRF is? Let us help you uncover this mystery! **Call the office and make an appointment with Nancy to help you.** I want you to be successful! Bring what you have started working on or have completed. We'll go from there!

MRF's are used to win county medals and awards. The MRF is divided into three levels for different ages. Call the office for a copy of the form if you do not have one. **These are all new forms this year.** We can also send the form to you by e-mail.

Awards applications and MRF's are due **August 25**. Refer to the Family Handbook for the list of awards or check the website.

<http://extension.missouri.edu/clay/4h/index.shtml>, then click on Award Applications.

OTHER AWARDS

Don't forget the other awards – Friend of 4-H, Outstanding 4-H Family, Kim Smith Memorial Award, I Dare You, the Key Award, and Outstanding Youth Award, Outstanding Club Secretary and Reporter.

If you have trouble with the web versions of these forms, please call the office and we can e-mail the Word format of these forms or send paper copies to you in the mail. We have included the page of the Family Handbook on these awards. Still have questions give the office a call. Good luck!

CLUB AWARDS

Club Leaders – don't forget to fill out the forms for outstanding and club seals. If we do not receive a final club report, then your club gets the lowest club seal and does not qualify to be considered for outstanding club. Don't let that happen. Fill out your forms!



AMERICAN ROYAL INFORMATION

Start now checking the American Royal website for information at www.americanroyal.com

The 2009 Livestock Show will run October 27th through November 1st. DNA deadline is August 1st and Entry deadline is September 10th. The 2009 Premium Book sections will be posted as they are completed with the entire book available online May 22nd. If the section you need is not available, keep checking back.

Youth Horse Show – September 19-20, 2009 - Great news! This year American Royal welcomes ALL kids ages 8-18. Classes include Horsemanship, Equitation, Showmanship and Pleasure Riding. Come join us for the day and enjoy watching these youth strut their stuff.

TEENS TAKING ACTION
August 17, 2009, 6 p.m. Extension office
BE THERE!

4-H COUNCIL – August 17 – 7 p.m. at the Extension office.

Due to very important 4-H Council business that affects the upcoming 4-H year, there will be a Council meeting on August 17 at 7 p.m. at the Extension office.

The fundraising committee that met in June will present their recommendation to continue to sell 4-H Fair ads, \$60 per person plus a \$10 membership fee. If a 4-H member wants to go on a trip and have the 4-H Council pay ½, that member will be required to sell more ads Feb. 1. Here are the proposed figures; come and voice your opinion.

Fair ads sold	Dues	Trip
\$60	\$10	
\$100	\$10	4-H Camp
\$100	\$10	Citizenship – Jefferson City
\$120	\$10	Teen Conference
\$140	\$10	State Congress
\$200	\$10	Kansas City Global Conference
\$240	\$10	Citizenship & State Congress
\$340	\$10	Washington DC Trip
\$470	\$10	Washington DC & State Congress

Other discussion will be held on the deadline to join 4-H, new 4-H year – membership, 4-H Fair – what was good, what needs to change, ideas for next year.

As you can see, we have many items to discuss. Make sure your club (and independent members) is represented. 4-H Council meetings are open to everyone! Just a reminder that only 2 adults and 2 4-H members are allowed to vote, but everyone has a voice.

TRIBUTE TO MR. WHISKERS

Could you imagine showing 12 years in the 4-H Rabbit Show? Well, Mr. Whiskers did just that! Here is to Mr. Whiskers who showed in his last 4-H rabbit show this past Fair. He took his final hop to the Promised Land July 18. Liz Tarr, a 4-H member of Linden



Livewires then an Independent member, bought Mr. Whiskers March 1998. What a wonderful and long life Mr. Whiskers experienced. But what else would you expect when you live that god life in the 4-H program.

Liz would like to pass Mr. Whiskers cage, stand and pet carrier on to another 4-H rabbit who is just starting in the 4-H program. Contact Lu Tarr at 816-830-0791.

COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

The countywide shooting matches are:

Shotgun – August 22 at KCTA Smithville at 11 a.m.
 Rifle (air rifle and .22 cal) – August 23 at the Johnson home. Air rifle at 10 a.m. and .22 cal at 1 p.m.

Please refer to www.claycountyshootingsports.com for practice dates and more information. If you plan to participate in the county shoot, you must send Craig Johnson an email by August 15.

FALL STATE SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION

October 9-11, Camp Galilee, El Dorado Springs.
 Watch the website and newsletter for more information in mid-August.
<http://mo4h.missouri.edu/go/projects/shootingsports/workshop.htm>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7 – State Fair Exhibits due at office by 5 p.m.
August 13-23 – Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
August 17 – Teens Taking Action, 6 p.m. Ext. office
August 17 – 4-H Council mtg, 7 p.m. Extension office
August 18 – Missouri State 4-H/FFA Dog Show
August 22-23 – County Shooting Sports
August 25 – MRF's & Award applications due in office by 5 p.m.
August 29 – Missouri 4-H State Trap Shoot
September 1 – New 4-H Year begins
September 12 – State Fashion Revue
September 19 – Missouri 4-H State Shoot (all other events)
September 26 – State Public Speaking Contest
September 26 – Stick Horse Rodeo
October 3 – Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch 4-H Fun Day
October 3-9 – National 4-H Week
October 24 – 4-H Recognition Banquet
October 19 – 6 p.m. Teens Taking Action
October 19 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting
November 16 -6 p.m. Teens Taking Action
November 16 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY

2 – Allison Sommer – Kearney Klovers
3 - Jason Harris – 4-Corners
6 – Stephanie Lewis – 4-Corners
8 – David Forquer – Happy Northeasterners
8 – Heddie Leger – Independent Leader
8 – Patty McKay – Golden Clovers
11 – Grace McKay – Golden Clovers
11 – Charlie Raasch – Golden Clovers
13 – Monroe Pruett – Golden Clovers
15 – James Sisson – 4-Corners
17 – Fred Bohn – Kearney Klovers
21 – Mona Snider – 4-Corners
22 – Brenna McCleery – 4-Corners
26 – Debbie Abend – Golden Clovers



CLUB NEWS

The **Happy Northeasterners** June 8 at the Rogers home with Dillon Rogers and Paige Wellendorf present. Dillon led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge. We went on a nature hike and identified deer tracks, an ant hill, wild raspberries, and sucked the nectar from purple clover. During our hike we also saw several different kinds of butterflies and dragonflies. The meeting was adjourned after juice and cookies.

Our next meeting is August 10, 2009 at the Rogers house.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2009-2010 YEAR

September starts a new year for 4-H members and leaders. Completion of the enrollment forms as soon as possible and signing up for projects should take place in September and October. The sooner you get signed up the sooner leaders will get approved and projects can start.

2009-2010 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will take place at the September 21st 4-H Council meeting. If you are interested in running for an office, contact Nancy.

Qualifications of Clay County 4-H Council Officers

1. 4-H member must be at least 14.
2. The member must have been an officer in their club or been a member of a committee in their club or 4-H Council.
3. The member must have completed the previous year in 4-H.
4. The member must plan to attend the majority of the meeting.

Election Procedure

1. A qualified 4-H member who desires to run for an office must notify the Extension Office by the Friday prior to the election.
2. If no qualified 4-H member has notified the Extension Office expressing desire to run for a particular office, then volunteer nominations from the floor will be accepted the night of the election for the office.
3. Nominations or volunteers will not be accepted the night of the election for a particular office if at least one qualified 4-H member has submitted their name by the Friday prior to the election.
4. Voting will take place by secret ballot.
5. Election of officers will take place at the September meeting.
6. Officers will take office at the October meeting.

4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET

All 4-H families are invited to the 4-H Recognition Banquet on **October 24, 6 p.m.** Save the date! 4-H members and leaders will receive their completion pins for the year and other 4-H awards will be presented (get those MRF's and award applications in). Watch your mail for your special invitation.

CAROLYN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

Save the date of October 3rd to participate in the 4-H exhibits, demonstrations and activities to be held at Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch to celebrate National 4-H Week. All the specific details will be in the September 4-H News.

TERESA PORTER MEMORIAL STICK HORSE RODEO

Clay County 4-H will be hosting the Teresa Porter Memorial Stick Horse Rodeo on September 26th at 5 p.m. during the Liberty Fall Festival. 4-H members and leaders are needed to help with this event. Last year was a huge success when over 30 riders showed up with their pretty stick horses. We need 15-20 volunteers. **WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE TO COUNT ON. VOLUNTEER NOW!! Call 407-3490 or e-mail mensen@missouri.edu.**

CLOVER KIDS CORNER Alison Copeland

Through Clover Kids clubs, children learn how to get along, share, and work in groups, explore their interests, and build self-confidence. Each Clover Kids Corner provides an activity, information or other materials that Clover Kids leaders can use in planning and implementing experiences that introduce five to seven-year olds to the 4-H concept of learning by doing.

Bike or Scooter Games

Bike riding – or scooters – is a fun way for children to be physically active. Determine a safe and flat area large enough for riding bikes. Ask Clover Kid members to bring a bike to the meeting and try these games (scooters work for those without bikes or unable to ride a bike). Remind children to follow bike/scooter safety tips before riding:

1. Always wear a helmet
2. Obey all traffic laws

Line Biking

Draw a chalk line on the flat top surface for each child. Each one can then try to keep their front and back wheels on his/her chalk line from start to finish.

Fun Obstacle Course

For each child, spread several carpet squares, paper, soda cans or other items in an obstacle course arrangement. Tell children the beginning and ending points and have them ride through their own fun obstacle course.

Circle Biking

Draw a large chalk circle on the flat top surface. One or two at a time, encourage children to keep their front wheel on the circle as they ride.

Other

Ask children to think of other fun and safe bike/scooter games to play.

AWARDS

*All age requirements are as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.
ALL AWARDS APPLICATIONS ARE DUE AUGUST 25TH.*

<i>INDIVIDUAL AWARDS</i>			
County Level			
NAME	AWARD	WHO MAY PARTICIPATE	REQUIREMENTS/ DEADLINE
County Medals and Ribbons (4-H members can receive medals/ribbons in each project area in which they complete a Resume)		4-H members 5-18 who fill out Resume in project area.	Resume in project area August
Outstanding Youth Award	6 plaques	Any 4-H member between the ages of 8 and 13	Fill out the Outstanding Youth Application August
Outstanding Clover Kid	2 plaques	Any 4-H member enrolled in Clover Kids (ages 5,6,7)	Fill out the Outstanding Youth Application August
Outstanding 4-H Family	Plaque	Any 4-H family who has been active throughout the 4-H year and has made continuous contributions to the 4-H program.	Completion of Letter of Recommendation Form by someone other than the nominee August
Friend of 4-H Award	Plaque	Any adult or business with significant contribution to the 4-H program	Recommendation form naming contributions significant to 4-H August
Horseman of the Year	2 plaques	4-H horsemanship project members ages 8-18	Completion of the 4-H Horse Record and show at the Fair August
Kim Smith Award	Plaque	4-H members 8-18 who have an interest in small animal or horse projects	Resume in a small animal or horse project; completion of the Kim Smith Application Form August
Bill Akey Memorial Beef Award	Plaque	4-H beef project members ages 8-18	Completion of the Beef Award application and Resume in beef August
Outstanding Club Reporter	Pen Set	All 4-H Club Reporters	Based on reports sent to the Extension Office and local newspapers for 4-H clubs September 1-August 31
Outstanding Club Secretary	\$50 Savings Bond	All 4-H Club Secretaries	Completion of 4-H Club Secretaries Book turned in to the Extension Office August
Danforth "I Dare You" Award	Copy of the book Given to 2 members in each county	4-H member 14 and over	Name submitted by adult leader on "I Dare You" recommendation form August
Key Award	Key & framed certificate. Limited to 1% of county 4-H enrollment	4-H members 14 and older	Complete the criteria as outlined in the Key Award Application. May take 1-2 years to complete. August
Club Seals	Gold, Silver or Bronze Seals		Completion of the final 4-H club report - August
Outstanding 4-H Club Award	Plaque		Complete the final 4-H club report and received a gold seal award - August