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Don't forget to search for the hidden 4-H Garfield with a clover in each newsletter, send an email or call and let me know where it is. Names will be taken until the 5th of the month. A drawing of all the names will be held & the winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the 4-H Source Book. Join the fun! Read, learn and take part in the excitement of 4-H.

Last month's winner was Karlin Peters!

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4-H COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS **Business conducted at the September 4-H Council meeting.**

Open House – September 24th
National 4-H Week is October 4-10.
We need volunteers to serve on the 4-H Fair committee for next year's fair. Volunteer NOW.
Election of officers: President Kelly Walters
Vice President Faith Arendt.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING October 19, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

Agenda items:

1. Need a secretary for the 4-H Council
2. Enrollment
3. 4-H Fair 2010 planning meeting – October 14
4. 4-H Fair Book Ads
5. Officer & project leader training – November 14th
6. Trips
7. 4-H Energizer

TEENS TAKING ACTION October 19 – 6 p.m.

Come for the fun; open to all 4-H members 13 and over.

CLOVER TOSSES TO



- Michael Barratt placing 4th in the Shooting Sports contest, 4P/aperture sights at 50 ft, prone position
- Kristin Johnson placing 5th in the Shooting Sports contest, 4P/aperture sights at 50 ft., prone position
- Clay County shooting sports team of Michael Barratt, Kristin Johnson, Matthew Barratt and Karlin Peters, 1st place, 4P/aperture sights at 50 ft., prone position
- Meredith Brunkow – State Fashion Revue winner – Clothes You Make, Formal Wear, Senior Division
- Everyone who helped make the Stick Horse Rodeo a success
- All members and leaders

2010 4-H FAIR PLANNING MEETING

If you want to help plan the 2010 4-H Fair, come to the October 14th meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Bring your ideas and be ready to work.

COUNTY-WIDE PROJECT LEADERS

Horsemanship Lisa Keefe
Vet Science Dr. David Leighr

We are looking for leaders who are willing to share their skills and talents, not only with their own club members, but with all 4-H members in the county in a specific area. Could that be you? Call 407-3490 or email clayco@missouri.edu to let us know. Your name will be listed in the new 2009-2010 4-H Family Handbook (*if we have your name by Oct. 5th*) as well as in the newsletter for several months.

It will be your responsibility to set up county-wide meetings. You can put notices in the 4-H NEWS.

READY FOR SOME 4-H!

September started a new 4-H year. Member re-enrollment forms have been distributed to each 4-H club leader. 4-H leaders and members will fill out their forms at the October club meetings. **It is very important that you make sure you attend the club meetings to get off to a good start.** (Independent members and leader will receive your forms directly to your home.)

1. Look over the Clover. This will help parents and members decide which projects you are going to take and/or lead.
2. As a parent, to lead a project you **MUST** complete the one-time online certification course. If you have already completed it, you do not need to do it again. If you have not completed the course, go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu>. Select Login and the user name is _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 check out a CD from the Extension Office to take the Volunteer Orientation. A written test is required if you choose this option. **You must complete this course to be a project leader, be covered by liability insurance, and to work with 4-H members.**
3. Complete the 4-H Volunteer Application Form (LG636). You **MUST** complete this form each year to be covered by liability insurance. This form will generate a mandatory background check.
4. 4-H members, find out what projects leaders are leading in your club. Complete the enrollment form that your club leader gives you (at the October club meeting). Returning members have a re-enrollment form; new members have a Member Enrollment Form (Y630).
5. Correct any wrong information on your re-enrollment form. Make sure all your information is correct.
6. Return your enrollment form and financial agreement to your CLUB LEADER (**not** the extension office).
7. **Club leaders will turn in all member and leader enrollment forms and financial agreement forms by November 30.**

8. Parents and/or project leaders – order 4-H literature from the Clover. There is an order form in each book.

9. Start your projects as soon as you can!

4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET

All 4-H families are invited to the 4-H Recognition Banquet on **October 24, 6 p.m.** 4-H members and leaders will receive their completion pins for the year and other 4-H awards will be presented.

See page 6 of this newsletter for your invitation.

4-H CLUB OFFICER & PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

Plan to attend project leader training and club officer training on **November 14, 9-11 a.m.** at the Extension office. If you are a new project leader or club officer you should come have fun and learn. Even if you are an experienced club officer or project leader, you are invited to come – maybe you will learn something new! All club members and parents are invited – maybe one day you too will be a club officer or project leader.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3 – Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch 4-H Fun Day
October 4-10 – National 4-H Week
October 14 – 6 p.m. – 4-H Fair planning meeting
October 19 – 6 p.m. Teens Taking Action
October 19 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting
October 24 – 4-H Recognition Banquet
November 14 – Club Officer & Project Leader Training
November 16 -6 p.m. Teens Taking Action
November 16 – 7 p.m. 4-H Council meeting
November 30 – 4-H Enrollments due

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK 2009

This year's National 4-H Week will be from Sunday, October 4 through Saturday, October 10. This year's National 4-H Week promotional kit will have a theme of "Celebrate 4-H." How can you promote events going on in your community? What do you need to get it all done in time? Where can you hold an event? The National 4-H Week 2010 Kit contains a wide variety of materials for you to successfully promote National 4-H Week events and activities in your community. Go to <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/> to see materials on the web.



4-H has bright future, rich history

For more than 100 years, 4-H has provided youth across the nation with hands-on learning opportunities in a safe environment where they can experiment, discover and create. Kids in corn and canning clubs learned about food and nutrition and advances in agriculture technology through research from land-grant universities, such as the University of Missouri and Lincoln University.

Today, 4-H continues to provide positive youth development through three key areas of focus: citizenship, healthy living and science, engineering and technology. With the help of more than half a million caring adult volunteers, 6 million kids find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their communities through 4-H. Young people can participate in 4-H projects in more than 1,000 topic areas, ranging from clothing and animal science to rocketry and GPS mapping, still based solidly on university research.

Here in Missouri, one in every 11 young people has been involved in a 4-H program, with the support of more than 11,000 volunteers behind them.

So, during this National 4-H Week, as you look forward to a new year of 4-H, take a moment to reflect back on the history of the organization and thank those leaders and volunteers who have helped to make your 4-H experience so great.

4-H FUNFEST AT CAROLYN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

The 10th annual 4-H Funfest will be held at Carolyn's Country Cousin's Pumpkin Patch, just south of Liberty. The Raasch family is members of the Golden Clovers 4-H club.

The 4-H Funfest will be held October 3th to help celebrate National 4-H Week! *The event will happen rain or shine, hot or cold.*

Carolyn says on a good weekend she expects 5,000 to 10,000 people a day to visit the pumpkin patch.

With so many people coming to Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch, we need for your whole club to help volunteer to work. 4-H families get into the Pumpkin Patch free this day. Just let the front gate know that you are working at the 4-H tent!



Saturday – October 3th

9:30 – 11:30 – 4- Corners

11:30 – 1:30 – Golden Clovers

1:30 – 3:30 – Kearney Klovers

3:30 – 5:30 – Sunny South, Happy

Northeasterners, Linden Livewires
and Independent Members

The 4-H tent will have rag dolls as a make-and-take project for the kids; button making and the walking green clovers. 4-H informational display will be in the in the Red Barn.

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY



6 – Elizabeth Bohn – Kearney Klovers
8 – Kayla-Rain Mansell – 4-Corners
15 – Patricia Edwards-Butler – Kearney Klovers
15 – Cory Johnson – 4-Corners
15 – Carol Kesler – 4-Corners
25 – Beverly Bohn – Kearney Klovers
26 – Julie Schroeder – Kearney Klovers
27 – Peter Barratt – 4-Corners
28 – Dillon Rogers – Happy Northeasterners

CLUB NEWS

The **Happy Northeasterners** met at the Wellendorf House on September 14th. 4-Hers present were David Forquer, Dillon Rogers and Paige Wellendorf. Visitors were Caden Kutzli, Colton Rogers, Clayton & Coleman Snead.

We fished at Paige's pond and everyone caught several fish that we released back into the pond. David led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge. The meeting was adjourned after juice and s' mores

Our next meeting is October 12, 2009 at the Rogers house.

The **4 Corners Club** met on September 17, '09. We began by discussing some upcoming events. The latest event of the '09 season is the State Fashion Revue. Meredith Brunkow from our club placed first in the Formal Wear contest. The upcoming events in which we will be participating in are as follows: Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch and Stick Horse Rodeo at Liberty Festival, County Open House, and National 4H Week.

The elections were held last Thursday, and Paige Carter was elected to her 2nd term as President; Natalie Brehm, Vice President; Karlin Peters, Secretary; Jacob Peters, Treasurer; Travis Zimmer, Historian; Isaiah Wiese, Game & Song Leader; Griffy Kessler, Health and Safety Chairman; Sergeants of Arms are Mark Wiese and Matthew Barrett; and County Council Representatives are Meredith Brunkow and Ansar Lemon.

The following projects are being offered by our club: Geology and Conservation, Carol Kesler; Entomology, Rick Kesler ; Foods, Bev Carter; Arts & Crafts, Sherri Peters ; Welding, Jim Peters; Photography, Denise Debus; Rabbits, Kim Jones; Poultry, Suzie Mansell; Shooting Sports, Craig Johnson; Archery, Larry Gouldsmith.

We concluded by filling out questionnaires and taking a group picture for the county newspaper.

Reported By Zoë Lemon

4-H AND NASCAR



For many years, 4-H has been looking to partner with NASCAR. Well, I am pleased to announce that through a very generous donation made possible by our Board Chair, Jim Borel of DuPont—that dream has become a reality.

On Sunday, October 4th, the 4-H clover and website address will be featured on the back TV panel of the No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet driven by Jeff Gordon at the Kansas Speedway. Attached is a photo rendering of the car design with the clover. What a great way to kick-off National 4-H Week—and gain additional exposure for *4-H National Youth Science Day* and the National Science Experiment: *Biofuel Blast*.

In addition to this feature placement on Jeff Gordon's car, DuPont is providing 4-H with visibility at the Kansas Speedway, an opportunity to address an enormous crowd in the DuPont hospitality area, and press promotion in the racing media from Jeff Gordon's PR team. We thank Jim and DuPont for their generous support of 4-H and *4-H National Youth Science Day*.

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.

Slime Time

Supplies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mixing bowl• Four envelopes of unflavored gelatin• Hot water• Square baking pan• Vegetable oil | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water• Liquid dishwashing detergent• Two small bowls• Stop watch or watch with a second hand• Measuring cup – 1 and ¼ cup |
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*The supply quantity listed above is designed for approximately five children. If you have more than five, you will need to increase the amount of materials and supplies. Don't let children eat the gelatin cubes after they've been handled or after they're covered with liquid.

Directions

In a mixing bowl, dissolve the gelatin in two cups of hot tap water. Coat the inside of the pan with vegetable oil. Pour the gelatin mixture into the pan and put it in the refrigerator until firm. Cut the gelatin into cubes about 1 inch x 1 inch (approximately 64 cubes). Place 15 cubes into one bowl. Place the second bowl about 6 inches away from the cube bowl.

Place the watch so that children can see it. Tell them that when you say "go", they start picking up the cubes one at a time using their thumb and index finger (caution them not to squeeze!). See how many cubes they can transfer to the other bowl in 5 seconds.

Tell the children to put all the cubes back in the first bowl. Pour ¼ cup dishwashing liquid over the cubes. Gently mix the detergent and the cubes so that the cubes are well-coated. Using the same method as before, ask the children to transfer as many cubes as possible in 5 seconds.

Throw away the cubes and detergent and wash and dry both bowls. Put 15 new cubes into one bowl and pour ¼ cup water over the cubes, again making sure the cubes are thoroughly coated. Ask children to see how many cubes they can transfer in 5 seconds.

Again, throw away the cubes and water. Put 15 new cubes into one bowl. Pour ¼ cup of vegetable oil over the cubes. Make sure they are well coated. Again ask children to see how many cubes they can transfer in 5 seconds.

Ask children to answer the following questions:

1. With which liquid were they able to transfer the most cubes?
2. With which liquid were they able to transfer the fewest cubes?
3. Which liquid was the best lubricant (the slipperiest)? Which was the worst?

Enjoy A Touch of Class

At The

Clay County 4-H

Awards Banquet

Saturday, October 24

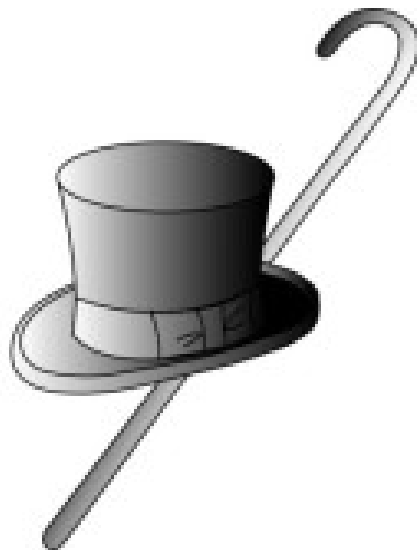
6 p.m.

Chandler Baptist Church

Semi-formal attire is optional

Please R.S.V.P. by calling

the 4-H office at 407-3490



Bring potluck dishes for family.
Meat, drinks and plasticware
will be provided.