The Four Pillars of 4-H

It should be of little surprise that Service, Leadership, Citizenship and Mastery (Project work) are the key pillars to a successful 4-H experience.

Service
First, community service develops positive feelings about your ability to give back to the community. It allows you to share your abilities and skills to help others, improve your community or use your skills to help out. Service builds self-esteem, even if you don’t realize it, because it means you are appreciated, necessary and important.

Leadership
Leadership, is not a title, it is action. Leadership is identifying a need and either solving the problem by yourself, or getting others involved to help you address the problem. Leadership can be seeing someone else with the answer, and helping that person make it come to life, and that is called following. There are many times in our daily lives that we don’t have a title, but we can make a difference in club, community, maybe even our country or our world.

Citizenship
Citizenship is developing the skills to become an engaged and active as a member in your community. In 4-H, we develop the ability to respect free speech and how to manage a meeting through parliamentary procedure, we learn how to present our point of view through Project Judging, Demonstrations and Public Speaking, and there are many trips that offer an opportunity to see government in action.

Mastery
To develop a deep knowledge and ability to perform high-quality work is the essence of Mastery. In our project work, whether it is Archery or Cooking, you work at developing your skills through 4-H. Your first year in a project you may be adequate, but hopefully, after a lot of hard work in your 10th year in the project you will be proficient and possibly even be able to share your skills as a Teen Leader.

To an adult helping support 4-H, these pillars are the components you want to strive to include in a 4-H experience. To a 4-H member, these components are what you may look forward too, and what you can hope to experience.

Jeremy Elliott-Engel
4-H Youth Development Specialist
The **Splitlog 4-H Club** had their February 7 meeting at the Neosho Fish Hatchery. There were fourteen members and parents who attended. They got to tour the fish hatchery and hear a little bit of history of how the hatchery was founded. They also got to go and see different types of fish that are raised there, like rainbow trout and sturgeon. After the meeting they went to Pizza Hut for lunch.

*Hannah Sherman*, Reporter

The **Cornerstone 4-H Club** met on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Anne Croxdale Memorial Library in Southwest City. The meeting was called to order by Darison Ruddick. The American pledge was led by Brandi Keith. The 4-H pledge was led by Lena Kirch. Roll call was taken by Macy Reece. There were nine members, three leaders and five others present. The Treasurer’s Report was given by Darison Ruddick. In old business they discussed when the sewing and cooking meetings would be held and Rhonda mentioned that we were the largest club in the county. In new business, the shooting sports safety class was discussed and that Crystal will be the Clover Kids leader. A new snack calendar was discussed, crafts were made for Valentine’s Day, and snacks were enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be held on March 3 at 6:00 at the library in Southwest City.

*Macy Reece*, Reporter

The **Hooves, Paws and Claws 4-H Club** met on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the Cornerstone Bank in Goodman. The meeting was called to order by President, Kolby Hood. Pledges were recited and the members are working on memorizing the 4-H pledge. Two demonstrations were given. Jackson Capps gave a demonstration on how to draw a dog. Raegan Capps gave a demonstration on making bubbles with dry ice and dish soap. The bubbles were cold and evaporated when you touched them. Everyone was excited to see the seven baby rabbits that Aiden Tran brought to show the club. Project meeting were discussed and leaders know they need to start once the weather clears. On Saturday, April 11, they will have the next club meeting. It will be at the Tran’s house at 10:00 AM. There will be an Easter egg hunt and each family needs to bring 1 dozen plastic, candy filled eggs. There will be baby chicks, bunnies and goats for the members to see. After the meeting was adjourned the club enjoyed snacks of popcorn, cornbread and drinks provided by the Tran family.

*Seth Tran*, Reporter

Send your 4-H Club News to:
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Or mail to: 18728 Hwy 59– Neosho, MO 64850

**COUNTY NEWS**

**Scholarship Applications Due 3/15**
Attention Seniors: College Scholarship Applications are due to the Extension Office by March 15, 2015. This application is found at [4h.missouri.edu/foundation/scholarships](http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/scholarships) or you can call the extension office and we will send one to you.

**County Achievement Day**
County Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. This is where members compete in Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Creed Speaking and Judging. There are also non-competitive opportunities for Clover Kids. Family packets were sent out explaining Achievement Day last week. Registrations for this event are due March 20.

**County Fashion Revue**
If you are enrolled in the Clothing, Quilting, Knitting or Crochet projects, you will be invited to our annual Fashion Revue to be held on Saturday, April 11. Boys and girls are invited to participate in this exciting, educational event. Information and an application for this competition were mailed to those enrolled in the above mentioned projects. Be working on what you would like to enter now. Registration deadline is March 5.

We need volunteers to firmly commit to help with the set up for the county Fashion Revue. We will be setting up on Friday, April 10 at 6:00 PM at the Newton County Fairgrounds in the new building. It is going to take several volunteers with muscles in case we have to carry the stage back to the new building.

**Sew-A-Thon**
The annual Sew-A-Thon is a time for all members and leaders involved in the sewing, knitting, crochet and quilting projects to come together to pledge their hands to larger service. This is a well loved community service project that touches many lives and is so enjoyed by our members. Sew-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Newton County Extension Office. This year we will be making blankets for ill children through Project Linus. If you would like to participate, call the Extension Office.
**REGIONAL NEWS**

**Poultry Day**
Southwest Regional Poultry Day will be held on Saturday, March 14 at the Williams Ag Building on the Crowder College Campus in Neosho. There is a $10 registration fee, which includes lunch. Call Lesa King to pre-register at 417-209-8406 by March 10. The fee will be $15 at the door the day of the event. See the enclosed flyer inside this newsletter.

**4-H Day with the Cardinals**
4-H members, families and friends are invited to join us for 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The Cardinals will be playing the Detroit Tigers in a 1:15PM game in Busch Stadium. Ticket prices are $25 each and ticket orders must be post marked by April 6, 2015.

**SW Missouri 4-H Summer Camp**
4-H Camp will be here before you know it! Here are the 2015 dates for 4-H Camp held at Camp Smokey at Roaring River in Cassville.

- June 13-14  
  - Alumni Camp
- June 14-17  
  - Member Camp 1
- June 17-20  
  - Member Camp 2
- June 20-21  
  - Clover Kids Camp
- June 21-25  
  - Teen Camp

Our theme this year will be ‘Super Heroes’. We are looking for t-shirt designs for this theme. Please submit these to the Extension Office by May 1. We are also in search of teen counselors for camp. Be watching, registrations will be sent to you in April.

**R.A.T.T.**
The Regional Action-packed Trip for Teens will be on April 18 with the teens heading to Eureka Springs! Flyer is enclosed.

**Livestock Showmanship/Sale**
We are excited to announce a day of fun, and learning at this event to be held at the Diamond C Farm in Granby, Missouri. On Saturday, March 28 from 9:00-2:00 PM. The Clonts family will be hosting the event and here are some of the activities planned:

- 9:00 am  
  - Judging Contest
- 10:00  
  - Swine Showmanship Demonstration
- 11:00  
  - Sheep/Lamb Showmanship Demo.
- 11:30  
  - Starting Your Beef Project
- 12:00  
  - Lunch

Silent bids on livestock will close at 1:30 PM.

There will be trophies for the livestock judging contest and trophies for a coloring contest for the younger children. There will be door prizes throughout the day and contests including Guess the Bull’s Weight, and Guess the Sow’s Weight. There will be Market Lambs, Show Pigs, and fall Show Heifers available to purchase by silent bid, bids close at 1:30 PM. Feed representatives will be there to tell you how to feed your show animal. A lunch of roasted pork and sides, with drinks will be provided. There is NO COST for this event! Come learn about showing livestock, compete in contests, and buy your next show animal all in one day! Location of the Diamond C Farm is 6406 Pelican Rd, Granby, Missouri. Call Mike Clonts for more details, 417-389-2043.

**STATE NEWS**

**State 4-H Congress**  
June 3-5, 2015

University of Missouri - Columbia, MO

- Learn the life skills of a super leader, connecting with experts in quality workshops and learning opportunities!
- Experience campus living – residence halls, cafeterias, classrooms, you name it!
- Elect your representatives on the State 4-H Council!
- Get to know other 4-H youth from across Missouri...and HAVE FUN!

**Registration**
The 2015 registration fee is $200.00 and registrations will be processed through 4HOnline.

**Lodging**
Participants stay in the residence halls of the University of Missouri. Delegates are required to bring bed linens, blankets and towels.

**Meals**
Meals are served by the University of Missouri cafeteria. Meal time schedules will be printed in the program.

**Registration deadline of April 15.**

**Qualifications of delegates**
All delegates must be 14 years of age before January 1 of current program year.

Go to: [http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/](http://4h.missouri.edu/events/congress/) for more information.

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*4-H...The Power of YOuTh*
Clover Kids Corner

Friendship Necklaces

Materials: yarn, macaroni and pasta shapes with holes, paint, brushes.

Divide children into pairs and explain that the pairs are 'Partner Pals'. Explain the purpose of the activity is for everyone to make a gift for his or her Partner Pal. Have Clover Kids paint pasta, set aside on trays marked with children's names. Allow plenty of time for the paint to dry. When the pasta is dry, give the children pieces of yarn to string their beads on. The ends of the yarn can be taped with masking tape to make this job easier. Once the pasta is strung on the yarn, tie both ends together. Each Clover Kid can present their Friendship Necklaces to each other.

Adventures in Peacemaking 1996, William Kreider ch. 4, pg. 13