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CLOVER SAYINGS

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Dear 4-H Family,

FAMILY

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
'oh excuse me please' was my reply
He said "Please excuse me too;
I wasn't watching for you.'
We were very polite, this stranger and I
We went on our way and we said goodbye.
But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.
Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.
When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
'Move out of the way,' I said with a frown.
He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.
While I lay awake in bed,
God's still small voice came to me and said,
'While dealing with a stranger, common
courtesy you use, but the family you love, you
seem to abuse.
Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.
Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself; pink, yellow and blue.
He stood very quietly not to spoil the sur-
prise,
You never saw the tears that fill his little eyes;
Be this time. I felt very small,

And now my tears began to fall.

'Are these the flowers you picked for me?'
He smiled, 'I found 'em out by the tree.
I picked 'em because they're pretty like
you.
I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue'
I said, 'Son, I'm very sorry for the way I
acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way.' He said,
'Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway.'
I said, 'Son, I love you too,
And I do like the flowers, especially the blue.'

FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the
company that we are working for could easily
replace us in a matter of days. But the family
we left behind will feel the loss for rest of their
lives.
And come to think of it, we pour ourselves
more
Into work than into our own family, an unwise
investment indeed, don't you think? So what is
behind the story?

Do you know what the word **FAMILY**
means?

**FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I)
(L)OVE (Y)OU**

Sincerely,

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COUNTY INFORMATION

WEBSTER COUNTY LEADERS'

COUNCIL Each club is asked to send two representatives to attend 4-H Council meetings. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 3rd at 7:00** p.m. at the Extension Office. For your club to be in good standing, your club representative needs to attend a majority of Leaders' Council meetings. This will make the sixth meeting and I want to thank the clubs that have attended.

Webster County 4-H Website

Please make sure you check out our Webster County 4-H website for all upcoming events, county award forms, state forms, deadlines, etc. The website is <http://extension.missouri.edu/webster>. Then just click the 4-H emblem. This way Webster County 4-H is doing its part by saving trees plus this should expedite any forms that you need. If you don't have internet, just let me know.

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

Country Cardinals - May 8th - monthly Country Cardinals meeting held in Mr. Buttram's new Vo-Ag building. Had a surprise baby shower for Mr. and Mrs. Buttram. They are expecting a baby girl in August. Club voted to not have regular monthly meetings until school starts. Project leaders will continue to have meetings on an as needed basis.
*May 17th - Country Cardinals took a field trip to Rutledge-Wilson Farm in Springfield. Toured facility and grounds. Had a picnic on site.
*May 24th - Webster County 4-H garage sale fundraiser at Extension Center in Marshfield.
*May 28th thru May 30th - Six members from the Country Cardinals attended Dairy Cow Camp.
*June 14th - State Poultry Day. Mr. Buttram is having weekly meeting for the Country Cardinals poultry group, including Erin Ingalsbe from another Webster County 4-H chapter. We are learning about egg and carcass quality and how to judge the different grades. The group will travel to Columbia to compete on June 14th.

Heartbeat of the Ozarks -

Reporter - Bayleigh Ward,

Webster County Trailblazers - This month coming, we will be quite busy preparing for Achievement Day and our club fundraiser. All of our members are planning to attend Achievement Day and bring their horses to present their demonstrations, which vary from as simple as brushing to as complex as jumpers and saddleseat demonstrations. Our biggest challenge will be getting all the horses there, since we have only two horse trailers available. Our fundraising project is a FOSH sanctioned pre-kick off Fox Trotter Show. We are very indebted to Mansfield Saddle Club for providing their grounds to us. We also appreciate Honorable George Jasper and Patsy Climer for the donation of their time to judge and DQP our show. We would also like to thank the many businesses that are sponsoring classes. The show will be May 9th at 7:30 pm at Mansfield Saddle Club and will be our open Fox Trotter show. We would like to invite anyone with a Fox Trotter to attend. For information call (417) 935-1274.

Reporter - Emily Quas

ACHIEVEMENT DAY RESULTS

County Achievement Day

The Webster County Achievement Day was held on April 24th at the Webster County Fairground. We had members competing in Demonstrations, Live-demonstrations, Member Judging and Personal Appearance, Horses and Livestock. I hope everyone enjoyed the day and time spent with each other. Thank you parents and leaders who came and worked as judges and organizers. It could not be done without your support!

County Fair Date

The Webster County Fair will be July 15-19. Exhibits are due June 15. All exhibits need to be brought to the exhibit building between 4:30 pm and 6 pm. See the fair books for rules and regulations.

••••• CLOVER KIDS CORNER

Potato Prints

What you need:

Potatoes Paint Cookie cutters
Paper Knife

What you do:

Cut a large potato in half. You will need a cookie cutter that fits on the potato half. Press the cookie cutter into the flat side of the potato. Then, using a knife cut the potato around the outside of the cookie cutter, leaving a shaped potato stamp. Have the children dip the potatoes in the paint and press them firmly onto the paper. (If the potatoes are not cut evenly the shapes will not appear clearly.)

Find the Gold

What you need:

Rocks Gold paint

What you do:

Paint the rocks gold. Hide them around the room and go on a gold hunt!

REGIONAL INFORMATION

Volunteer Orientation

Web Watch for 4-H Volunteers – Did you know?

Over 1000 Missouri 4-H volunteers have completed the face to face orientation training. But, that leaves several thousand to get the training before Jan. 1, 2009. One opportunity is the new Online Volunteer Orientation and it is now linked from the Missouri 4-H website with instructions to contact the local Extension office or 4-H youth specialist for the login/password. Since this volunteer training is mandatory, the password will allow only Missouri volunteers to participate.

Please understand that the Orientation Feedback Form that is required at the end of the course is reviewed. If the open-ended questions are not completed or the answers are not consistent with the course content individuals will be asked to complete the feedback form again or to attend an in person training.

Remember training must be completed by **Jan. 1, 2009**.

The link to the volunteer page can be reached from three locations: the homepage, about 4-H or get involved.

<http://4h.missouri.edu/getinvolved/volunteer/>

4-H Camps 2008

Camp is around the corner and we can't wait! The SW regional staff and teens have been busy putting together craft ideas, games and decorations, so when our campers arrive, they will be just as excited as we are! Our theme this year is "Show-me Your True Colors". Staff and Counselors alike, try to make each campers experience special as we know each one has something great to contribute. We hope to see you at camp later this month.

Regional Achievement Day

Regional Achievement day will be held on Monday, July 14 in Springfield at OTC. Those of you who won in your project areas and age divisions at our County Achievement Day qualify to go on to this regional event. It is an awesome experience to go and watch the competitors. The talent will amaze you! Applications will be sent to those who qualified.

STATE INFORMATION

WOW!!!! Horse project members... special news for you!

A fantastic youth horse event and horse show will be held at the American Royal complex, Hale Arena, during the week end of October 24-25 with special classes for 4-H members. In addition to our event, the Prairie Circuit Rodeo Finals will be occurring in the evenings at Kemper the same week end.

However, stalls will be in limited numbers and to ensure your participation for this event, you should try to do both of these activities. We hope you can attend a Purina Mills Horse Owner's Workshop sometime soon and sign up at the workshop. Check the upcoming schedules in your issue of the Purina Checkerboard Publication or refer to the web site: <http://horse.purinamills.com/events/events.asp> Secondly, enroll in Omolene University which is a great equine interactive education site. It's easy and free to sign up by going to: <http://www.omoleneuniversity.com/>

There will be two full days of judged classes and timed events for youth in addition to a fun filled evening with a free barbeque for everyone. Purina and the American Royal are making sure this is going to be an affordable, positive and absolutely fun filled weekend for youth. Please watch the American Royal Web site for more details and the show bill in the near future. <http://www.americanroyal.com/>

The planning committee includes both Missouri and Kansas 4-H Youth and Livestock Extension Staff, Ernie Rodina, Purina representatives, and horse event sponsors and volunteers. Questions? Debbie Davis, Clinton County 4-H Youth Specialist davisdd@missouri.edu or 816-539-3765



4-Habitat II: Solar Edition

University of Missouri Extension 4-H, MU Architectural Studies Extension and Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity are looking for 4-H members to be part of a design team that will work with Habitat for Humanity to design and build a home for a family in Columbia, Mo. This will be the second home for 4-Habitat.

Youth teams will work with the family to furnish and landscape the new home. Team members will learn about the interior design process and improving energy efficiency through interior finishes and landscaping. This year's home will use solar panels and other design features that will dramatically decrease the home's energy use.

Twenty young people, age 13 and older, will be selected for this yearlong project. If you are interested in becoming part of the 4-Habitat team, visit www.4h.missouri.edu for application information and forms. Applications are due July 1.

In a science, engineering or technology project?

Are you a 4-H member working on projects in environmental science, robotics, rocketry, GIS/GPS systems or animal science? The National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H members to feature in an upcoming promotion.

Take a moment to fill out this short 10-minute survey at www.fourhcouncil.edu.

Missouri State Fair livestock exhibitors should "Go 4 It!"

Planning to show your animal at the fair? Make sure you know what to expect by checking entry information, rules and schedules on the Missouri State Fair Web site, www.mostatefair.com. Entry forms will be available online on May 5. Completed forms are due by July 1.

New this year—Livestock Exhibitor Pins are no longer available. Instead, exhibitors can buy daily discounted exhibitor admission tickets for \$4 each through August 6 from the Missouri State Fair business office.

Youth loans for agricultural entrepreneurs

Need some extra cash for your 4-H project? The United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency loans up to \$5000 to 4-H youth for income-producing, agricultural projects. Each project must be planned and operated with the help of an adviser and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. This loan may be used to buy livestock, equipment, and supplies; rent or repair needed tools and equipment; and pay operating expenses for the project.

To apply or learn more about youth loans or other loan programs, please contact your local USDA Service Center or visit www.fsa.usda.gov

Missouri Dairy Judging Camp

University of Missouri Extension is sponsoring a dairy judging camp, July 8-10. Youth, ages 12-18, will learn the basics and finer points of judging dairy cattle at MU. Cost is \$80. For more information, contact Karla Deaver in Lawrence County at deaverk@missouri.edu.

Show Me Character

Use kind words to show you care

By Mary Jo Williams
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“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me.” This old adage may not be entirely true. Words are very powerful and can be hurtful.

Here is an activity to use at your next club or project meeting. You will need bowls of water, pepper, bar or liquid soap, and sugar.

Before everyone arrives, set out bowls of water for every 5-7 young people. You want to be sure they can see this experiment. When you are ready for the activity, ask groups to gather around each bowl. Ask one person at each station to sprinkle a liberal amount of pepper on the water. Explain that the pepper represents the people around us: family members, friends, classmates, etc. Tell them that how we treat these people and speak to them is very important. Explain that our words are particularly powerful tools, either for good or bad, and it's important to learn kind ways to speak to our friends.

Ask them to think about a time when someone has said something hurtful to them or a time when they have not been very kind to one of their friends. Now ask one person in each group to either dip the bar of soap in the middle of the water or squirt a few drops of liquid soap into the middle of the bowl. What happens? Explain that the soap represents negative, harsh language. When we are unkind to others, they don't like being around us.

Now ask one person in each group to add a teaspoon of sugar to the center of the water. It may be corny, but the comparison of the sweetness of the sugar and the sweetness of kind and thoughtful words is a good one. The sweetness of the sugar will draw the pepper back to the center of the bowl just like kind words will draw people back to you.

The Pillar of Character for this month is Caring – be kind, compassionate, and show you care; express gratitude; forgive others; and help people in need.

Architecture & Interior Design Workshop

Mark your calendar for the 4-H Architecture and Interior Design Workshop, Aug. 8, on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. This workshop specifically for 4-H members is sponsored by Human Environmental Sciences Extension – Architectural Studies. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Registration is due by July 15. Workshop and registration information can be found on the 4-H website: 4h.missouri.edu

Nominations for Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame

Do you know a dedicated 4-H volunteer who has made a difference in your life? Has a local business donated money or supplies to your club to help you meet the needs of your community? Honor their commitment to 4-H by nominating them for admission to the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame, sponsored by University of Missouri Extension. The 2008 inductees will be recognized during a ceremony, Aug. 10, at the Missouri State Fair.

Last year, 36 individuals and one business was honored for their outstanding service to MU Extension 4-H and Missouri youth.

Nominations are due by June 15. For a nomination form, visit 4h.missouri.edu.

Discover the Clover, Fall Forum

Registration fee - \$40.00 (includes Saturday Recognition Breakfast with a gift for every volunteer, lunch, snacks, some project literature from workshops they attend, conference bag and pen). In order to have a full day of workshop opportunities the Recognition Breakfast (Reynolds Alumni Center) will begin at 7:30 a.m. Workshops will begin between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. depending upon location. **Workshops** – We currently have 35 workshops. The times vary from 2 hours to all day which will give volunteers a nice variety to select from. Most workshops will be held on the MU campus (most in Arts and Science and Strickland Hall formerly General Classroom Building.) The Boone County Extension Center has been reserved in case we need it.

Parking on Campus is free. **Conference Hotel** – Quality Inn – a block of 80 rooms has been reserved at a special rate. Any remaining rooms will be released on Monday, September 15. There will be activities Friday afternoon and evening. No meal will be provided on Friday. **Registration Deadline:** Monday, September 15. No refunds will be given after this date however registrations can be transferred.

Please encourage volunteers to attend the Forum. In fact, we would like to see bus loads of folks attend!

Events & Deadlines

June

- 4-6 State 4-H Congress, Columbia
- 7 State Poultry Extravaganza, Columbia
- 9-13 Missouri Agri-Business Academy, Kansas City
- 14 State Poultry Day
- 14-15 Clover Kids Camp 1
- 15-18 Teen Camp, Roaring River State Park, Cassville
- 18-21 Member Camp #1
- 21-22 Clover Kids Camp 2
- 21-30 Washington Focus Trip
- 22-23 Scrap Booking Camp
- 23-26 Member Camp #2
- 30-July 2 4-H Youth Forum, Jefferson City

July

- 12 4-H Day with the Springfield Cardinals
- 14 Regional 4-H Achievement Day, OTC, Springfield
- 15 Exhibit due to Webster County Fair**
- 15 Webster County 4-H Horse Show**
- 15 Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Meet, Bois D'Arc
- 16-19 Webster County Fair**
- 23 Check in 4-H Building Exhibits at OEF
- 25-Aug. 3 Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield
- 24-27 State 4-H/FFA Horse Show, Sedalia

August

- 7-8 27th Annual Northfork River 4-H Family Scavenger Hunt
- 7-17 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia

September

- 6 State Livestock Judging, Horse Public Speaking and Demonstrations, Columbia
- 13 State 4-H Fashion Revue, Columbia

October

- 4 Cornerstone catering-fundraiser

November

- 1 Recognition Night