

December 2020 Clover Crier

Cass County 4-H Council News

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Cass County 4-H Council will be **Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00p.m.** at the Extension Center for council officers. The meeting will be provided by zoom for all other members. It is very important that your club is represented.

Committees

All committees will be meeting at some point prior to the council meeting to set goals for the coming year and will be reporting at the council meeting.

Feeding Missouri Challenge

The challenge is on amongst our 4-H clubs to collect food items and donate volunteer hours toward feeding Missouri. The local food pantry is a great place to give a helping hand and earn some volunteer hours. Club members collect as many food items as you can January through April. The competition is on to see which club can collect the most food items and volunteer hours. There will be two \$50 pizza funds provided. One for the club with the most food and volunteer hours and the other for the club with the most food and volunteer hours per members. The will winners will be the families being fed. If you have questions contact Janice Parris at parrisja@missouri.edu or 816-380-8447.

It's Fundraising Time!

The fundraising committee dove in and planned a great online fundraiser. This is a virtual auction/raffle of various items that are donated for the 4-H cause. The funds are used to support youth participation in 4-H events and to support 4-H programming in Cass County. How this auction/raffle works is that donated items are brought to the Extension Office by the 3rd Monday of the month (items needed by Dec. 21st for January virtual auction). Committee takes pictures of auction items and post them on the fundraising Facebook page for viewing and bidding. Bids run from the 1st of the month through the third Monday of the month. When bids close, winners will be announced. Winners have a couple days to pay for items by cash or check and pick up items. If items are not paid for and picked up, items will go back into the next auction round. Donated items will then be due at the Extension Office the 3rd Monday of January for the February auction. February will be a basket auction. The Facebook page to check out the auction is Cass County Missouri 4-H Fundraising. There are some great items for Christmas shoppers! Please share this page with your family, friends, etc. to reach a greater audience to support the fundraiser. Hoping to launch the auction any day now once it is all set and ready to go.

We need the help of each club and members to attain auction items to support this cause. Amongst our families, there are probably some of us who have connections with business owners that we could seek out donations. While we are shopping and seeking services in the store or building, we could ask if they would like to support 4-H. The committee asks that each club have a committee or person in charge of seeking donations for the monthly auction. We encourage that all club members get involved so the tasks of seeking donations is shared. 4-H is all about working together! If you have questions contact Janice Parris at the Extension Office 816-380-8447 or parrisja@missouri.edu

Frank Graham Award

Nominations for the Frank Graham Award are due in the Extension Office by January 18th. Nominations will be voted on at the January 4-H Council meeting. Nominees must have a minimum of five years of volunteer service to Missouri 4-H.

4-H Jackets & T-shirts

Show off your 4-H pride with our very own Cass County attire we have t-shirts at the office and information about ordering 4-H jackets. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

Committees Need Volunteers

It is time once again to get organized! The Cass County 4-H Council committees are the backbone of our 4-H program and your help to make them successful is needed! Organizing events such as Community Service, Fundraising (4-H Carnival), Indoor Exhibits, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue, Awards Banquet, Teen Connect—just to name a few are in need of volunteers to make them happen. Every club should have volunteers on the committees! All of the above committees are needing volunteers. Please contact the Extension Center and let us know how you can help.

New 4-H Year Enrollment Process

Be sure to get re-enrolled for the 4-H year and remind your 4-H friends. Project meetings may be starting soon so sign up now so you don't miss out. Here are the steps you will need to take to get enrolled. Go to <http://v2.4honline.com> I have heard that for most families this enrolling process is easier than in the past. From my end there are still kinks that are being worked out of this new version. I thank you for your patience if you have experienced some of the kinks. If you have trouble enrolling please call Janice or Jenny at the Extension Center for assistance. Get enrolled because 4-H has begun for 2020-2021!

- If possible pay by credit card because the enrollment is processed much quicker.
- Volunteers that are new this year or did not submit a background check consent form last year, must do so this year. They are found on the Cass County Extension website under 4-H, Schedule, Forms –October. Look for the Background Check Consent Form LG639.
- Volunteers new to 4-H or if did not complete the training last year, will need to complete the Orientation Training.

State 4-H Council Regional Representative Application

The Missouri State 4-H Council is an elected body of 4-H youth who serve as the voice of Missouri 4-H youth for one year terms. Council members help plan and implement events like State 4-H Congress and Teen Conference. They represent Missouri 4-H at national, regional, and state events, donating volunteer hours at the Missouri State Fair, State 4-H Contest Days, and other 4-H events. Council members are ambassadors and spokespersons for Missouri 4-H. Any 4-H participant, age 14-17 on January 1 of the election year, may apply to be a candidate for Regional Representative. The 4-H'er must meet the age requirements listed above, must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed the previous year of 4-H work. If you are interested in being a Regional Representative, please complete the Regional Representative Application

(<https://extension.missouri.edu/media/wysiwyg/Extensiondata/Pro/4h/Docs/GetInvolved/StateCouncil/regional-rep-app.pdf>) by **January 15th**. Youth will have to interviews at a later date determined by the West Central Region.

State Fair Banner

Missouri will celebrate its Bicentennial in 2021. 4-H will join the celebration by updating the county banners that are displayed in the 4-H Building at the Missouri State Fair. I know we have talented 4-H members that could design a banner that represents Cass County or Cass County 4-H. If we do not come up with our own design, a generic banner will be designed for us. Cass County is unique and special and does not need a generic banner. If you are interested in designing a banner by drawing or computer design, contact Janice Parris for details. It would be great if each club could submit a design for the council to vote on. Designs are due by January 12th.

New 4-H Families

The 4-H Council will be hosting a gathering for 4-H families that are new to 4-H to share some helpful information and have some 4-H fun. The date is set for Friday, January 22nd. This may be face to face, zoom or both. More details to come.

Cass County Project News

County Wide Projects:

We have many county wide projects to offer 4-H members. Some are getting started right away. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

- Clover Kids
- Dogs
- Gardening
- Goats – Dairy
- Goats- Meat
- Leadership
- Outdoor Adventures
- Photography
- Poultry
- Public Speaking
- Quilting
- Rabbits
- Robotics
- Sewing
- Shooting Sports
- Sports Fishing
- Swine
- Vet Science
- Welding

If I omitted a county wide project, please inform me of it. If you have a project you would like to lead county wide I would love to hear about it.

Project Reports

Dairy Goats

The dairy goat project is ramping up and growing! We have had two meetings with the first on October 15th hosted by the Hall family in Harrisonville. There were a total of 7 members attending! Our second meeting was November 12 at Patton's home. This was so much fun and almost all of the participants presented a poster with 5 different breeds of goats (their choice) and a short talk and description of what they learned about the different breeds they chose while doing research! Each 4-H'er did a great job with their presentation and we all learned something new. For our December meeting we will join with the meat goat club on December 10th on a field trip to Lone Duck Ranch in Louisburg KS. We will be meeting indoors for a teaching in overall health of goats and then there will be a demonstration of hoof trimming. We highly encourage anyone in the county who is interested in dairy goats to join our project and learn how to better care for and even show their goats! We are hoping to have enough participation that we can have dairy goat classes added to our county fair this coming year and our members have the opportunity to show! This is a county wide project and we have a Facebook page where we communicate information on meetings, teachings and any information having to do with the dairy goat project! Just request to join! If you are interested in coming to the December 10th field trip, please contact Lisa Patton or Jessie Williams and RSVP that you will be coming.

We hope to see you there!

Dogs

We will be having the vaccination clinic on Jan 9, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Mill Walk Mall. Come out and support our dog project members. Contact Andrea Kanoy for more information.

Gardening

We are going to stop meetings until February.

Can't wait to see familiar and new faces next year. Don't forget and be sure to sign up for Gardening in 2021.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES - HIKING AND CAMPING PROJECT

We are so excited about the interest and participation in the Outdoor Adventures project this year! We had our first "trial" hike October 24 on the Katy Trail in Pleasant Hill. There were a total of 15 people participating! This was a great family and fellowship time and it was wonderful meeting new friends who love to hike and who share other interests!

Our next hike will be December 5 at 10am at Wallace State park. This should be a little more challenging but still easy hike through the woods. Unfortunately, the park is not offering any educational classes at this time, but we will definitely have a Wildlife Conservation teaching while we eat lunch. If you are interested in getting out in nature with fellow 4-Hers, pack a lunch, grab a water bottle and put on some comfy shoes and come join us! We have a Facebook page

you can request to join to keep up with future hikes and camping dates (in the Spring). This project is open to anyone in the county.

Club News

Hickory Grove 4-H

The Hickory Grove 4-H Club met on Monday, November 2 at the Randolph's Farm for a bonfire. Club members helped supply the food and snacks for the evening. Discussion was held about moving forward with the Adopt-a-Hwy trash pick up as our new service project along MO-Hwy P south of Pleasant Hill. Becky Marlow is confirming the distance with MODOT before we move forward. We received a \$200 donation from Hallmark to assist with our soldier card project. A reminder was given of the county 4-H recognition banquet. Everyone was reminded to get signed up for their projects they know they want to do. Our next meeting will be December 7th. We will be meeting at the church. Bring 4 dozen cookies for a cookie exchange and we will do our soldier cards. Bring new packages of socks and underwear to donate.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Truman Wilson
Club Reporter
Hickory Grove 4-H

4-H Home School Clovers

We held this month's meeting outside. We elected officers. Ian Parrish is our president, Luca Perreca is our vice-president, Ali Vander Hamm is our secretary, Dylan Strong is our treasurer, and I, Evan Vander Hamm, is the reporter. We made plans for our fundraiser bake sale and created a form for each member to keep track of their bake sale orders. For recreation we played outdoor games that helped us get to know our new club members.

Raymore 4-H Club

On the November 3rd Raymond 4-H meeting, we met at the Peculiar United Methodist Church. We voted our officers for reporter, and game leader. Isabella demonstrated the plastic yarn ball challenge. We talked about next meeting plans. Discussed our etiquette. Jana Bruce demonstrated how to line dance to the song of copperhead road.

Reporter: Ashlee Cassil

Shooting Stars 4-H

We had our meeting November 6th 2020 at the Moore's home. We elected our new officers for this year. We discussed the Red Barn Ranch event, the Diary Farm field trip, and the 4-H awards ceremony. At our previous meeting Katie Ledford presented awards and gifts for our club to finish out

last year. We have tie-dyed t-shirts we made to represent our club this year. We packed boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We discussed upcoming plans for a field trip to KC pet project, working at the food pantry, and our Christmas party. Todd Eppert gave a very helpful and interesting demonstration on gun safety. Our next meeting will be December 11th at 10am.

Submitted by Shooting Stars Reporter

Kensley McClintock

Southfork 4-H

Our club meeting was held November 2nd, 2020 at the Dolan West Dolan fire station. At this meeting we discussed our December Community Service project. Our club voted to make a Christmas basket for the fire station. This will include Thank You cards and gifts for the fire fighters. Please bring things to the next meeting for our service project. Several members discussed projects that met since the last meeting. Some club members got to present their "About Me" items that they brought in brown bags. If you didn't present you will present at a future meeting. Bring your items next month. Our Clover Kids showed the club snow globes that they made. We played a game and celebrated birthdays for the month. 4-H jackets are available. Please contact Heather Gooch for details. Our next meeting is December 7th at the fire station. We look forward to seeing you.

By: Kendall Irvin

Wal-Center 4-H Club

Wal-Center 4-H met on Nov 19, 2020. We had installation of officers. Welcome officers: President Matthew Sutcliffe, Vice President Jacob Box, Secretary Taylor Kanoy, Treasure Case Melzer, Reporter Kasey Kanoy, Historian Jaxson Larcom, Recreational leader Molly Melzer, Health officer Shelby Box. Our county representatives are Matthew Sutcliffe and Shelby Box. We celebrated November Birthdays- David Melzer and Lucas Larcom. Our 4-H club has chosen to change banks to Hawthorne Bank and want to give a big Thank You to them for making us feel welcomed!

Typed by Kasey Kanoy

Wishing each and everyone a very special holiday season and treasured family time during the Christmas season. Let the joy of the season fill your hearts!

Janice Parris