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4-H Year starts October 1st

Jan 27 - Making the Best Better

Feb 1 - Leaders Council Mtg

Feb 1 - Interviews for Teen Conference

Webster County Clover Sayings



January 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

As we come into the new year with all the hustle and bustle that is involved in it, sometimes we forget what we are in this life to do. I would like to relate this story to you. In the city of Philadelphia there was a little third class hotel. Into it one night there came two tired elderly people. They went up to the night clerk and the husband pleadingly said, —Mister, please don't tell us you don't have a room. My wife and I have been all over the city looking for a place to stay. We did not know about the big conventions that are here. The hotels at which we usually stay are all full. We're dead tired and it's after midnight. Please don't tell us you don't have a place where we can sleep.

The clerk looked at them a long moment and then answered, —Well, I don't have a single room except my own. I work at night and sleep in the daytime. It's not as nice as the other rooms, but it's clean, and I'll be happy for you to be my guests for tonight. The wife said, —God bless you, young man.

The next morning at the breakfast table, the couple sent the waiter to tell the night clerk they wanted to see him on very important business. The night clerk went in, recognized the two people, sat down at the table and said he hoped they had had a good night's sleep. They thanked him most sincerely. Then the husband astounded the clerk with the statement, —You are too fine a hotel man to stay in a hotel like this. How would you like for me to build a big, beautiful, luxurious hotel in the city of New York and make you general manager?

The clerk didn't know what to say, he thought there might be something wrong with their minds. He finally stammered, —It sounds wonderful.

His guest then introduced himself. —I'm John Jacob Astor.

So, the Waldorf Astoria Hotel was built, and the night clerk became, in the years to follow, the best known hotel man in the world. Every year, the 47-Story Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City serves over three-quarters of a million guests in its 1,900 rooms.

You never know what a little kindness shown will do for you. We all need to be watchful of what we do and how we treat others. It might only make you know that you have done the right thing, but who knows, it might lead to something even greater.

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Webster County News

4-H Club Reports

Next Leaders Council meeting will be February 1st starting at 7 p.m. 4-H members who would like to go to Teen Conference needs to attend to do a short interview plus bring your filled out trip and award sheet. Will be setting dates for the 2018 4-H year.

One of your duties as a reporter is to take notes at each meeting and prepare a report for the county 4-H office. Please send your club news to the 4-H office by the last day of the month so that it may be published in the 4-H Clover Sayings. You can either drop your report off at the extension office or send by mail to: Webster County 4-H, 800 S. Marshall, Marshfield, MO 65706. **Please send your club news to the 4-H office as soon as your meeting is over so that it may be published in the Clover Sayings for the next month newsletter.**

Country Cardinals 4-H. Niangua - 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30 pm, Niangua School

Heartbeat of the Ozarks 4-H. Marshfield 2nd Tuesday of the Month)- at 6:30 pm, Extension Office.

Mighty Eagles 4-H, Fordland. 3rd Tuesday of the Month)- at 6:30 p.m. Fordland Saddle Club -

Nature Schoolers 4-H. Marshfield 2nd Tuesday of the Month - 10 am Extension Office.

Seymour 4-H, Seymour (2nd Monday of the Month) - at 6:30 p.m. Seymour Fire Station - Meeting held on December 11,2017 at 6:30 pm at the Webster County Fire Station in Seymour. Meeting was called to order by the President Kalaa Clark. Pledges were recited and roll was called; the only missing member by the end of the meeting was Brett Sampson. Secretary Report for November Minutes were read and approved by the club. Club Balance \$604.34 reported by the Treasurer Alyssa Stinnett. Motion to Reimburse Jennifer Hogan for float supplies by Alyssa Stinnett and seconded by Vanessa; Motion Approved by club.

Old Business Discussed: Bright and Bold is January 13th at OTC in Nixa and January 27th is Making the Best Better in Neosho

New Business Discussed:

- 4H T-Shirts are \$11 from the extension office newsletter- Carolyn would like each member to have one. Motion by Olivia Hogan and 2nd by Chloe Wright that the club would pay for each member to get a t-shirt—Motion passed by club. (Alyssa Stinnett will get everyones shirt size and order and pay for the shirts since she is the treasure)
- The Club received first place in the Seymour Parade and was awarded \$250 as a prize. .The club raised \$204 by working Santa's Workshop on December 1st.
- Olivia Hogan made a motion to reimburse Carolyn for the pizza at tonights event. Second made by Vanessa Stinnett, motion passed by the club.
- Thank you cards for all 4 H to sign sent to SMC Packaging for donating the cardboard for the float and a Thank You card to Diggins Baptist Church for the use of their facility for jam making last weekend.

Making the Best Better - January 27th (to be held in Neosho)

Same workshop as Bright and Boldly. Flyers were in December newsletter. If you need another one please let me know.

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2018 4-H Enrollment

IMPORTANT—Please read

- ☐ All enrollments should have been submitted. If you haven't please do so ASAP.
- ☐ If you are showing incomplete and it's something you can't seem to resolve give us a call.
- ☐ If you are still showing pending in the system, chances are we have not received your member dues. Until dues are received you will not show as an 'active' 4-H member. See timeline.

If you paid your club leader, please verify with her that dues have been submitted to the office.

Until you are active in the system, you will not show up on any project report for project leaders. Which means meetings may be held without you.

Enrollment timeline:

- ☐ Member enrolls online. If all sections are completed then member is in 'pending' status. If the status is 'incomplete' and you think that you have entered all information and **submitted** it, please call the office and we can help you through it.
- ☐ Pay by credit card or check (if paying by check, make sure to get your dues to your club leader at the **next meeting**).
- ☐ **Club leaders** get the dues to the office **ASAP**. Please do not hold on to them thinking you will turn them all in at once.
- ☐ After dues are received in the office, we (county office) review/approve enrollment and members are set to 'active' status.
- ☐ Paying by credit card speeds up the activation process. Once the credit card is approved, we review the enrollment and approve/activate the member.
- ☐ **Volunteer club or project leader** must complete/submit to the county office an *Annual Background Check Consent Form LG639*. After the background check has been approved, volunteer has enrolled online and the one-time volunteer orientation is complete, then we are able to set you as 'active'. Until all of these steps are met, project leaders cannot hold project meetings.
- ☐ Once everything is processed, club/volunteer leaders will have access to their members in 4-H online. If you have further questions, please contact the county office.

NEWS

Self-Determined projects

The self-determined project is exactly what it sounds like – you decide what topic you want to learn about, set goals for yourself, plan how to meet those goals, and evaluate your efforts. This project is for youth who want to enroll in projects that 4-H doesn't offer or who want to study a regular 4-H project in more depth and detail.

Guidelines for planning a Self-Determined Project:

- ☑ Narrow down project to one interest area.
- ☑ Set goals on what you hope to learn or accomplish.
- ☑ Make a list of supplies, materials, or facilities needed.
- ☑ Estimate cost of supplies and materials.
- ☑ Identify references.
- ☑ Identify a project leader.
- ☑ Develop a step-by-step plan of action.
- ☑ Record results and evaluate.

Anyone interested in the Self-Determined Project needs to obtain a copy of the 4-H guide sheet Y951, "Choose your own direction," which outlines the process needed to choose and complete a Self-Determined Project. If you have any questions contact the County 4-H Office.

Get Your Ticket to Leadership!

This March, go on location for an epic leadership adventure at the 2018 State 4-H Teen Conference! The theme is Lights...Camera...LEADERSHIP! and your State 4-H Council teens are making this another fun and exciting event for youth ages 11-13. Teen Conference is the first big trip away from home for many 4-H'ers, and it's a good choice. You'll meet amazing new friends, learn how to be a better leader and get a heads-up on all the exciting things waiting for you as a 4-H teenager! Teen Conference is safe and fun, and the hotel is super nice. Cost is \$179 (if you share the large bed with a friend you select) or \$229 (if you prefer your own bed). The production starts just after noon on Saturday, March 24 and the wraps at 11 a.m. on the March 25. Teen Conference registration is open at [http:// mo.4honline.com](http://mo.4honline.com) until February 15. Be sure you don't miss out!



If you want to go on this trip and have council pay half of the Teen Conference fee, please fill out the trip and award score sheet and a short paragraph on why you would like to go on this trip and bring it to the February 1st Leader Council meeting for your trip interview.

STATE/NATIONAL NEWS

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.



Balloons, Balls and Frisbees

Supplies • Balloons • Balls • Frisbees • Bed sheet

Balloons 1. Balloon balance – Each child can try balancing a balloon keep a balloon in the air by blowing on the ball. 3. Balloon volley – Standing together, children keep a balloon in the air using their hands only. Try introducing several balloons at a time! 4. Catch the balloon – Stand in a circle, toss a balloon in the air and call someone's name. That person catches the balloon before it falls to the ground.

Balls 1. Sheet Bounce – By holding on the edges of a bed sheet, a group of children can bounce balls in the air from the center of the sheet. Try seeing how many times they can bounce a ball in the air before it falls to the ground. 2. Catch – A good, old fashioned game of catch! 3. Toss a Name Game – Children stand in a circle. A leader introduces the game by saying his/her first name, then tosses a ball or something to the person on his/her right or left. Continuing in one direction, each person says his/her first name and continues tossing the ball in sequence until the leader again has the ball. The leader then calls out someone's name in the circle and lofts the ball to him/her, and that person calls another individual's name, etc., etc. After the ball has been flying a few minutes and participants get a feel for names, introduce another ball or object, then a third ball just for fun. 4. Ball roll – Each child finds a partner. Sitting across from each other, the children roll the ball back and forth.

Frisbees 1. Throw High – Encourage children to throw a Frisbee as high as possible. 2. Throw Low – Encourage children to throw a Frisbee as low as possible. 3. Catch – Play a game of catch. 4. Throw in a circle – Encourage children to stand in a circle and throw Frisbees to one another.