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Check us out and Like us to get all the information on happenings in our world! We will announce deadlines, upcoming events, and make other announcements here.

Did you know Webster County 4-H is on Facebook

Feb 1-28 - Feeding Missouri

Feb 7 - Ldrs Council Mtg

Feb 19 - Deadline for BeeKeeping essay

Clover Sayings



February 2019

Dear 4-H Families,

Just as there is a feeling of excitement and wonder as we watch the falling of pure white snow, so also is the sense of newness and excitement as the clock ticks, the calendar changes and we begin a new year. Each new year brings with it new opportunities and new challenges. We can each enjoy this excitement and challenge if we use our opportunities and accept our challenges.

In “Charlotte’s Web”, Fern Arable seized the opportunity to save the little runt pig. She accepted the challenge of raising him on a baby bottle and even after she sold Wilbur to the Zuckerman’s, she went by often to visit. Fern learned many valuable lessons as she asked her father to let her raise this runt pig and as she followed through with her new responsibility.

4-H members learn responsibility in very similar ways. Your first project may have been a livestock project or it could have been one of many different choices. No matter what the project, when you made a choice and stayed with it until you finished, you learned valuable lessons in decision making and in accepting responsibility. Showing your project at the fair was fun, exciting and a wonderful time to develop leadership skills.

“The night before the County Fair, everybody went to bed early. Fern and Avery were in bed by eight. Avery lay dreaming that the Ferris wheel had stopped and that he was in the top car. Fern lay dreaming that she was getting sick in the swings. Lurvy was in bed by eight-thirty. He lay dreaming that he was throwing baseballs at a cloth cat and winning a genuine Navajo blanket. Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman were in bed by nine. Mrs. Zuckerman lay dreaming about a deep freeze unit. Mr. Zuckerman lay dreaming about Wilbur. He dreamed that Wilbur had grown until he was one hundred and sixteen feet long and ninety-two feet high and that he had won all the prizes at the fair and was covered with blue ribbons and even had a blue ribbon tied to the end of his tail”.

Let’s make 2019 a “blue ribbon” year. 4-H offers something for the whole family. Through 4-H, you can make many of your dreams become realities. What projects have you begun? What goals have you set for yourself? What do you want to do differently this year? Now is the time to capture the excitement of a fresh beginning.

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4-H Club Reports

Next Leader Council Meetings will be February 7th, March 7th and April 4th. We meet here at the extension at 7 p.m.

Topics: set dates for 2019, workshops we might want to do, community service projects and feeding Missouri.

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 - February - February 5th—6:30 pm, Niangua School

Heartbeat of the Ozarks 4-H, Feb 11 at 6:00 pm, Extension Office. -

We meet on 1-14 at 6 p.m. 14 members and 10 adults. Important business was 4H Feeding Missouri and 4H move across MO. Jeannie explain to us about 4H Feeding Missouri.. The Entrepreneurship project reported that they canned 106 jars of jelly to sell at Farmer Markets. Two demonstrations were give one by Liam Bergthold on how to make a dog toy and Avonlea Bergthold on how to make a Origami heart. Reporter Kinzee Clark

Mighty Eagles 4-H, Fordland. - February 19th- 3rd Tuesday of the Month)

The Fordland Mighty Eagles 4-H club met at the Garber's house on January 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Lucas, President. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge were led by Zach and Ian. Elliana took roll call. The secretary and treasurer reports were read and given, no changes. Project Reports were given. Zach gave a report about Backpacking. Kegan gave a report about Beef. Lucas gave two reports, one on tractors and one on meat goats. won 1st place in the Fordland Christmas Parade. Zach read a thank you note from the Salvation Army for ringing the bell in December. Zach also gave a report on Christmas caroling in Marshfield. Elliana and Lucas talked about visiting their adopted grandparents. Emma handed out project packets so we could start our 4H projects for the fair. Anyone who had not signed up for demonstrations signed up. Jeanie talked about Feeding Missouri and MOVE. We also talked about getting a booth at Care To Learn's event in May. Bright and Bold was cancelled, and we talked about going to Making the Best Better.
Reporter Elliana Garber

Seymour 4-H, Seymour (2nd Monday of the Month) - February 11th - at 6:30 p.m. Seymour Firehouse

IMPORTANT please read! Members, if you are still showing pending in 4-H online it may be that we have not received your member dues. 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.

Missouri 4-H T-Shirts

Youth, families, faculty and staff may once again purchase a Missouri 4-H t-shirt through 4HOnline. The cost of the shirts are \$11 each. Orders will be placed through the event registration system in 4HOnline. You may pay by check or credit card. If paying by check, please make your check out to your local extension office. Once payment is received in the local county extension office, your 4-H faculty/staff will approve the registration and the order will be processed. The t-shirts are black with short-sleeves and a green and white design. Sizes available include youth sizes small-large; adult sizes small-3XL. If your size is currently out



of stock, you will be contacted directly by someone from the Daviess County Extension office. Any out of stock sizes will be replenished in a timely manner and your order processed. If you have any questions please contact Becky Simpson at simpsonre@missouri.edu or 660-663-3232.

Declined Credit Cards in 4-HOnline Sherry Grace Each week I get multiple panicked phone calls about a credit card being declined in 4-HOnline. This can happen for many, many reasons and most can be fixed by simply resubmitting the enrollment or event. You can do this from the “My Members” page in 4HO. There will be a notice that you need to resubmit and a button next to it. If you think it has something to do with the card information on file, such as an expired card or your address has changed, and you need to change it we recommend deleting the card and starting fresh instead of editing. Please note, the county and state offices cannot do this for you— 4HO does not allow anyone but you to see your credit card information.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Grants

The Missouri 4-H Foundation continues to award grants to support a wide range of 4-H programs, events, and facilities. Information about grant funds and application procedures may be found on the 4-H Foundation website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/foundation/>

- **Community Service** Through generous grants from Crader Distributing and Stihldealers.com, as well as DuPont Pioneer, the Missouri 4-H Foundation offers grants of up to \$1,000 to match funding for a 4-H community.
- **Kids Helping Kids** is a program devoted to helping 4-H members and their families in times of need. Through donations made by 4-H
- **Doane Youth Center** Through a generous endowment given by D. Howard Doane, one of the founding trustees of the Missouri 4-H Foundation, funds are available to improve facilities owned and/or controlled by Missouri 4-H.

The 2018-19 edition of the MU Extension [4-H Clover](#) is [available online](#). The [Clover](#) is a catalog of Missouri 4-H projects, programs and publications. It is designed to help volunteers, members and their families select projects and activities.

<http://digitalpubs.extension.missouri.edu/univofmissouridigitalpubs/4685839319932147>.

worth checking out. Additional information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources->

4-H Move Across Missouri (MOVE) - Brandy Dickey

It's time to MOVE! As you know, MOVE promotes physical activity and encourages youths to engage in a broad range of activities such as walking, biking, running, swimming, dance, taekwondo, gardening and more.

The competitive period is from February 1 to April 30.

There is no pre-registration required. Here's what youth and adults need to do to participate:

- * Enroll in the Move Across Missouri (MOVE) project (HF775) in 4HOnline in their profile. Enrollment in 4-H MOVE does not count as a part of county limits on projects.

- * • From Feb 1 through April 30:

- o Using a paper tracking system found on the 4-H website at:

<http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/moveinfo> youth and their families can “log” the number of minutes they accumulate throughout the year and during the competitive component of the MOVE program (scroll to the bottom of the website page and click “My Move Activity Log”). Record keeping through the paper tracking system is important because the competition period is from February 1 to April 30.

- o 4-Hers and adults can register for the competitive event as individuals and/or as part of a team. An individual MOVEr may also be a part of a team. A team can consist of a family or members of a 4-H club or group.

- * From April 30 through May 14:

- o Youth and families will submit their total number of minutes logged throughout the competitive period in 4HOnline. The final reporting will take place inside of a no cost event registration that will only be open from April 30 and May 14.

- MOVE awards will be provided—they are normally here in time to be passed to the counties at 4-H State Congress. For more information about 4-H MOVE visit - <http://4h.missouri.edu/4hmove/main>

Project Leader and Club Leader Resources

Leaders and 4-H members, check out the project resources on the Missouri 4-H website at <http://4h.missouri.edu/programsprojects.aspx>. Under the individual projects, you will find project briefs that also contain ideas for demonstrations, community service, etc. From A to Z, every project has lots of resource information worth checking out. Additional information can be found at <http://4h.missouri.edu/resources-andforms/>.

Project record form Members - get a head start on completing your end-of-year project forms.

Forms can be found on the Webster County Extension website. Under 4-H then go to forms. Remember to take pictures all year of your project work to include in your end-of-year report.

4-H Feeding Missouri Kick Off* Anne Reeder and Sherry Grace



4-H Feeding Missouri kicks off today and will run through February 28th. We hope you have visited our Resources page dedicated to helping you contribute in whatever way you can to our 1 Million Meal goal! Attached are several new resources to help you promote the event—they are also on the resources page.

Counties can win prizes

Today we would like to announce the prizes for the top counties in each of these categories:

- Food Raiser- \$1,000.00 prize
- Fund Raiser- \$1,000.00 prize
- Volunteer Hours- \$1,000.00 prize
- Overall (Equivalent) Meals- \$1000.00 prize (Feeding Missouri will convert food pounds into meals)

Prizes will also go to the Top 10 Counties for:

- Food Raiser- \$100.00 prize each
- Volunteer Hours- \$100.00 prize each The contest prize money must be spent on youth scholarships to camp and other leadership events.

Social Media Contests

Throughout the month will we have social media contests using the hashtag #4HFeedingMO and leaderboard updates! So be checking the Missouri 4-H social media accounts regularly for these.

THANK YOU to our sponsors: MFA, the Missouri 4-H Foundation, Sharon K. Strubberg, Farm Credit Southeast Missouri, and Vivayic, Inc.

Frequently Ask Questions

1. Are we only collecting food? No. Giving food is one way to help. Monetary donations and volunteer hours also count to our 1 million-meal goal. Feeding Missouri will calculate and convert all pounds of food and hours volunteered into equivalent meals. Please go to our Resources page for more ideas on how to volunteer.
2. Do we have to use the food pantries suggested? No. If you have already established a relationship with a foodbank/pantry near you please donate to them. The list has suggestions of pantries that are in your area for your convenience.
3. How do we report the amount of food, volunteer hours, and money donated?
 - Food & Volunteer hours: You will fill out a survey. The links are located below and on the home page of our website (4h.missouri.edu). You will use this survey to report pounds of food donated and volunteer hours donated along with which county gets credit for the donation.

o This survey can be filled out by whomever is donating the food—per family OR per club OR per county office, etc. We only ask that you count the food only once (for instance, a family wouldn't report the food donated to a club drive if the club was also reporting that food)

be keeping a running total so we can keep you posted on our progress!

- * Monetary donations: Use the secure link provided below and on our website (and inside the survey above) to make monetary donations directly to Feeding Missouri. (You'll be able to choose which club/county to credit your donation to on the online form.) We know that sometimes people donate cash and/or checks to a club. Have the club leader or treasurer keep a total of cash contributions and convert those into a check to Feeding Missouri (details on our website) on the last day of February. Please ask people to make any checks out directly to Feeding Missouri and include those in the mailing.



4. Who is contacting the food banks/pantries/organizations/schools if we want to volunteer, drop off food, organize drives or make presentations, etc.? That is done at the local level. You know the who's, what's and when's of your community and what your club can offer. Please contact the food bank/pantry and other community partners or organizations of your choice to work out the details. Please note: smaller food pantries have limited operational times. Also, planning to have volunteers help takes a bit of coordination. Please call in advance to save frustration for both parties.

5. What if I already collected food, can I report it? J The official answer is—all donations are reported in the month of February. We are doing this in the spirit of giving—don't let the details get in the way.

If you have other questions, please look through the Resources first. There, you'll find basic info on how to run a successful food drive; Missouri hunger facts, and all kinds of volunteer ideas. (See #2 above.)

If you don't find what you're looking for there, Sherry Grace at gracesk@missouri.edu or 573-882-9360.

And whatever you do, please be sure you take lots of photos and share your stories online via social media using the hashtag #4HFeedingMO!

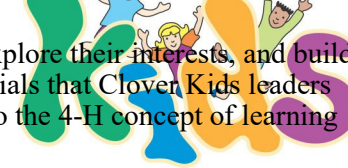
Save the Date: Clovers for Kids s March 1-April 30, 2019

Chris Willow



JOANN stores are helping 4-H bring more hands-on programs to local communities across the nation to inspire kids to lead lives with their heads, hands, and hearts. Between March 1 – April 30, 2019 visit your local JOANN store and purchase a clover tear

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.



Crazy Crayons

When heat is applied to a crayon, it begins to melt. When crayons are chopped into small pieces and baked, kids are able to combine different colors to make their own crazy color combinations.

Supplies Needed • A knife • Crayons (a good way to get rid of old pieces of crayon) • Mini-cake tins or any type of mold that come in different designs

Steps

1. Parents or leaders can chop up the crayons into small pieces (peasized). The crayons can be kept in separate colors so the kids can mix the colors by themselves.
2. Preheat the oven to 150°.
3. The kids can mix the different colors of crayons and place them in the design they want by arranging them in the tin.
4. Bake until the waxes have melted, about 15 to 20 minutes.
5. After the wax has cooled, the shapes can be removed from the mold. If the crayon doesn't come out, stick the tray in the freezer for an hour and the crayons will release.
6. Now it is time to draw a picture with your brand new crayons!

18th Annual 4-H Day with the St. Louis Cardinals

Missouri and Illinois 4-H members, parents, volunteers and alumni will gather at Busch Stadium on Saturday, May 11, 2019 for the 18th annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals. The Cardinals will be playing the Pittsburgh Pirates in a 1:15 p.m. game. Tickets for the game will be \$25.00 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt featuring the 4-H Clover on the back and the Cardinals emblem on the front.

4-H members, leaders, alumni, and their families who purchase 4-H Day with the Cardinals tickets will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the Busch Stadium outfield. Pre-game ceremonies will include a recitation of the 4-H pledge and ceremonial first pitches by an Illinois and Missouri 4-H member. As an added bonus the Cardinals give-away item for the game is an adult Cardinals performance t-shirt. The first 30,000 fans age 16 and older will receive the t-shirt.

Tickets for the event must be ordered on the 4-H Day with the Cardinals order form. Ticket order forms are available at your county extension office, or on the web at www.mo4h.missouri.edu. Ticket orders must be postmarked by April 1, 2019. Tickets often sell out before the order deadline so families are encouraged to order early. 4-H Clubs, counties, or groups of families who would like to be seated together must send their orders in the same envelope.

Families can also participate in the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle to win prizes such as throwing out the first pitch, autographed baseballs, and tickets to other Cardinal baseball games. Funds raised through the raffle support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs. 4-H Day with the Cardinals has raised \$80,000.00 to support Missouri and Illinois 4-H programs in the first 17 years. Complete information about the 4-H Day with the Cardinals raffle is on the ticket order