

Clover Connection



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Susan's Letter

Well, it's been nearly a year since I began here in Cass County. It has been nothing short of great for all the time I've been able to spend with some of the most amazing youth and volunteers and families in the world, as well as eventful. There is no denying that there have been challenges, but everyone pulled together for the greater good.

The thank yous I owe are endless and cannot be listed in one letter, so please be sure to thank

your leaders and parents, thank the older youth who put things together, thank your Fair board, Youth Action Committee and Extension Council. I will, however, thank my colleagues. There has been a lot to learn for all of us and they really came through. Please thank Gina Honke and Rocka Rasmussen the next time you are in the office. I am constantly amazed at how resourceful they are.

I hope that everyone is getting fired up for a new

year. The 4-H program is an innovative program for youth to learn and grow. The possibilities are endless for our future together.

Finally, you will notice I will be signing my name differently. I married my longtime 4-H flame on September 19, 2009 and am now Susan Oliver. Please review the newsletter carefully.

Forever Green,
*Susan (McKinley)
Oliver*

Treasurer Training

All of our officers in our community clubs have very important jobs. Because our treasurers have so much responsibility when it comes to money management, we hold a special training for them. Treasurer training this year is November 10 @ 7:30 PM at the Community Center. We ask all treasurers to be there and invite leaders and parents to join, as they are very important supporters.

County Convention—October 11 @ 2:00 PM

What better way to celebrate National 4-H Week than with County Convention? Please be there on Sunday, October 11 @ 2:00 PM at the Cass County Community Center. To help move things along, we are asking that clubs sit together during the program. Club pictures will be taken in

the lobby after your club has been presented on stage. Recognition will be given to project award winners and leaders and the new Youth Council will be installed. Special club awards will be presented this year:

-Best Community Service Project

-Herdsmanship Awards
-Club Officer Books
-Best Window or Display during National 4-H Week
-Best attendance at County Convention

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**Show
Your
4-H
Spirit**

Let's join together
and wear our 4-H
shirts Wednesday,
October 7.
Members, parents,
leaders and friends
show your support

Enrollment

The time is right to enroll 4-H'ers. Leaders are given a packet to help 4-H'ers enroll in the program. Youth must complete the following to enroll in 4-H: 1) Read the Pick-A-Project Paper to determine what project areas you are interested in. While you are no longer limited to 6 project areas, please be realistic and talk

with your families and leaders. 2) You will need to fill out the youth enrollment form completely. It must be signed by member, parent and leader. Also note that if you need literature, you need to check with your leader on payment. 3) You will fill out the Medical/Information Release Form. This is very important to

maintain a safe environment. If you have any questions, please contact your leader and/or the Extension Office.

Enrollment paperwork is due to the Extension Office November 2. Please do not delay.

Recruit Friends National 4-H Week

It's time to start the new 4-H year! Do you know anyone who might enjoy being in 4-H? Why not bring a friend to a club meeting? Bring them to a meeting or have them call the Extension Office.

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 4-10. This is a time for us to help our communities become aware of our great program. It can also be an opportunity to recruit new 4-H members. Ideas to celebrate National 4-H

Week include: make a window display at a local business, wear 4-H shirts to school, hang posters promoting 4-H in schools or businesses, send a plant or balloon to a 4-H supporter, give a classroom presentation

about 4-H, enclose brochures about 4-H in church bulletins, or write letters to the editor about 4-H. Have Fun!!!

This is a new section for new 4-H'ers and 4-H families. I hope we can help you through your first years.

Discovering 4-H!

Word Bank

- arms
- head
- Hands
- service
- blue
- brain
- heart
- health
- club
- country
- world
- green

The 4-H pledge is: "I pledge my _____ to clearer thinking, My _____ to greater loyalty, My hands to larger _____, My _____ to better living, for my _____, my community, my _____, and my _____."

The 4-H colors are _____ and white.

The four H's stand for Head, Heart, _____ and Health.

Answers on Page 3.

In Cass County, Discovering 4-H is for 3rd & 4th graders. The idea is to give gradual exposure of the program to 4-H'ers. There are 14 project areas in Discovering 4-H. Fourth graders may add one additional project area that is not in those areas. For more specific help, call or visit the Extension Office.

Bits & Pieces

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YC 2 Int. Council

This year YC 2 is going extreme! We are taking an extreme leadership adventure through a program called Ricochet, developed by Iowa State University Extension to be fast-paced and fun for a younger age group, while still teaching leadership skills. YC 2 is still for 4-H'ers in grades 7-9. They will be mailed a special invitation. We will meet for six 2-hour

sessions to experience fun, leadership training and team building. The group will identify, plan and carry out a leadership project as part of their involvement. There is no elimination process. All interested Cass County 4-H'ers in grades 7-9 should apply by Friday, October 23. Our first meeting will be November 1 at the Cass County

Community Center from 2:00-4:00 PM. Applications will be mailed to eligible youth, as well as on the Web site.



The 2008-2009 YC 2 group works through some innovative brainstorming activities.

Pioneer Grant

Pioneer Hi-Bred International will again sponsor the Rural Community Improvement Program. They offer grant money for club leadership projects. Applications and details are available at the Extension Office. Deadline to apply is **December 1**.

Discovering 4-H Workshop

It's time to start making plans for the Discovering 4-H Workshop on Sunday, January 31, 2010. The first planning meeting will be **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM** at the Extension Office. Any parent, leader, or 4-H member in grade 7 or older wanting to help with this

year's Discovering 4-H Workshop is invited to attend this planning meeting. Help us plan this exciting event.

Answers for Discovering 4-H: head, hear, service, health, club, country, world, green, Hands

Special Note:
The theme for the 2010 Cass County Photography contest for fair is "Reflections." This is open to interpretation. Start your cameras.

4-H Halloween at the Community Center

Come celebrate Halloween 4-H style on Sunday October 25 at the Community Center from 2-4 PM. Grove HOT 4-H club, along with other special 4-H friends of their club, are hosting a 4-H Halloween at the Cass County Community Center. There will be a costume

contest, hay rides, bobbing for apples, cookie decorating, other games, music, food & lots of FUN. Admission will be \$3. Bring 2 non-perishable items to donate to the food pantry and get in for \$2. The event is open to everyone, so bring a non-4-H'er and introduce them to

our program. If anyone has questions about this, they can contact Becky Dreager at 243-4729 & email: mdreager@metc.net.



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Fridge File

October 1	Fair board Meeting	November 1	YC 2 Extreme Leadership Session One—2-4 PM @ CCCC
October 4-10	National 4-H Week—show your green spirit	November 2	Enrollment Forms Due
October 5	Return Fair Evaluation to Extension Office	November 10	Club Treasurer Training @ 7:30 PM
October 6	YAC—6 PM Judge Officer's Books, 7 PM Regular Meeting	December 1	Pioneer Grant Applications due to Ext. Office
October 7	Everyone wear a 4-H t-shirt, Window/Best Displays	December 1	YAC Meeting
October 11	County Convention—2 PM at the Cass County Community Center	December 3	Fair board Meeting
October 23	YC 2 Applications Due	TBD	Market Beef Weigh-in
October 28	Discovering 4-H Workshop Planning Meeting @ 7PM	January 31	Discovering 4-H Workshop