State and Area News

September 1 marks the beginning of the new 4-H year, 2006-2007. Thank you to all volunteers who will be serving as Club Leaders, Project Leaders, 4-H Council Representatives, and Committee Members this year. Please remember that all adult volunteers working directly with youth must have a completed volunteer application form and a health form on file with the local University of Missouri Extension Office. Because of safety issues for everyone involved, adults will be asked to refrain from working with 4-H members until this information is provided. Please comply with your local county deadline. If you have questions or concerns, contact Annette Deering at the Nodaway County Extension Office, 660-582-8101. Thank you and let's have a great 4-H year!

Congratulations to all 4-H members who exhibited livestock projects, 4-H building exhibits, and who gave demonstrations at the Missouri State Fair! Thanks for representing our counties!

Highlights from Mary Jo Williams, 2006 Missouri State Fair Building:
4178 exhibits were on display in the 4-H Building
358 demonstrations were given by 4-H members in the 4-H Building
10 Reach-out demonstrations were viewed in the 4-H Building, via Reed Springs, Springfield and Ft. Leonard Wood
Holt County won 2nd place in the 4-H Building sweepstakes. Yes, our Holt County! Out of 113 counties, 2nd place is awesome! Taney County won first place. How did they do it….every member in the county exhibited at least one project! How's that for a goal for next year?

The 2006 4-H Interstate Show will be held September 30 at the East Hills Mall in St. Joseph, Missouri. Interstate is an opportunity to celebrate National 4-H Week, and to showcase the year’s accomplishments in 4-H. Exhibits will be on display from NW Region counties, and from Platte County and invited Kansas counties. The day will also feature Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Public Speaking, Skits, Talent, and Fashion Revue. Blue ribbon projects are eligible. Inquire at your local Extension Office about county participation. See page 2 of this newsletter for a schedule of the day, and contact Julie Schmitt at the Buchanan County Extension Office, 816-279-1691, for clarification or questions.

The 4-H Youth staff is offering a field trip for Clover Kid members ages 5-7. This field trip will be an opportunity to travel within the NW Region, experiencing demonstrations of agriculture, livestock, business, and recreational facilities. “Exploring NW Missouri” will be held Saturday, October 7 for all Clover Kid members of Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties. There will be bus pickups in each county. Places we will be visiting include a grain farm, edible soybean factory, sheep farm, and wool shop. Each participant will receive a disposable camera, a 4-H backpack, and snacks. Participants need to bring their own lunch and drink. Registration forms and health forms will be mailed to you from the county offices and are due back by September 22. We hope to make this the first field trip in a series of others to be offered throughout the year. See page 2 of this newsletter for a brief agenda of the day. It’s looks like a long day, but it will be fun and educational. Contact your local Extension Office with questions.
Missouri State Fair exhibits have been returned and are in the Extension Office to be picked up, along with State Fair ribbons and premiums. County Achievement Day shirts are also in, to be picked up.

The Nodaway County 4-H Council will meet to kick off the 2006-2007 4-H year on Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Office. Council Officers will be elected and meeting dates will be set.

The Nodaway County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will meet September 20, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Office. All shooting sports families are welcome to attend. A fall safety clinic will be planned.

The Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee will meet Monday, September 25, 7:00 p.m., at the Extension Office. All livestock families are invited to attend—and encouraged to please participate.

**Interstate Show at East Hills Mall, St. Joseph Saturday, September 30**

**Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks:**
Two per county. Check in at the registration desk prior to 4 p.m. Event will run on a first come, first serve basis, 4:30-5:00 p.m. Ribbons and small premium/gift will be given when demonstrations are completed. 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} place awards will be given out during closing presentations.

**Talent:** Will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the stage. Check in at the registration desk by 4:00 p.m.. Participation ribbons and small premium/gift will be given. 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} place awards given during the closing presentations. 1\textsuperscript{st} place contestant will be expected to perform during the 6:00 p.m. awards program. Please furnish your own equipment (tape recorder, extension cords, props, etc.)

**Public Speaking:** Speeches or illustrated talks should be 3-5 minutes for those under age 14 and 5-7 minutes for those 14 and over. Participation ribbons and small premium/gift will be given to each speaker. 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} place awards will be given out at closing presentation.

**Fashion Revue:** Two entries per county. Show at 6:15 p.m., check in at basement hallway by 5:45 p.m. Bring description of outfit to be read. Prizes given, 1st and 2nd given out during awards presentation.

**Exploring NW Missouri, Clover Kid Field Trip Saturday, October 7**
Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth counties. It looks like a long day, but it will be educational. We hope to make this the first trip of a series of several.

7:30 am – Bus pickup in Grant City
8:15 am – Bus pickup in Maryville
8:45 am – Bus pickup in Fairfax
9:15 am – Bus pickup in Mound City
9:30 am – Forest City park for snacks/break
10:00 am – Payne field, Soybean Demonstration, Wayne Flanary, University of MO Agronomy speaker
11:00 am – Forest City, Mighty Mo Munchies factory
12:00 pm – Welty Park, Oregon, for lunch and Character Counts activity
1:15 pm – Carneal sheep farm, North Andrew
3:15 pm – Worth County fairgrounds, snacks/break
3:30 pm – Wool Shop, Grant City, tour
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4-H Calendar Highlights
Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, and Worth Counties

September 1  New 4-H Year Begins
September 6  Hundley-Whaley Field Day, Albany. Worth County 4-H serves drinks.
September 10  Shiloh 4-H Club Meeting, 2:00 p.m., First Christian Church, Mound City
September 14  Nodaway County 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Center, Maryville
September 17  4-H Day with the Royals
September 17  Woodville Woodchucks 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., TJ Hall Building, Oregon
September 18  Atchison County 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Center, Rock Port
September 20  Nodaway County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Center, Maryville
September 25  Nodaway County 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Center, Maryville
September 30  2006 4-H Interstate Show, East Hills Mall, St. Joseph

AK-SAR-BEN will be held September 26-October 1 at the Qwest Center in Omaha, NE. The show schedule and premium book are available at www.aksarben.org, or stop by your local Extension Office for a copy.

The Nodaway County University of Missouri Extension Office is partnering with the PACE initiative taking place in Atchison, Nodaway, and Worth counties. PACE stands for “Partners Achieving Character Excellence.” The NW Region is setting the PACE for good character. This initiative will soon be taking place in Holt county and others, as it spreads across the region. PACE has chosen character words for each month. The character word for September is Respect: treating others with courtesy and honor. This word will be discussed throughout the month in local schools, businesses, and industry. We hope your family will help us set the PACE, by making this word and its meaning a part of your daily life. Take time to discuss what Respect looks like, sounds like, and feels like within your home, your school, your place of work, and your community.