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Dinner & A Movie Night

The December 15 Federation Meeting turned out to be a fun-filled night despite the many changes in the program. Because of low attendance for the Babysitting Night, we decided to hold a Dinner and Movie Night instead! We met at Pizza Hut and began our meeting while munching on warm pizza.

Along with our Babysitting meeting we planned to "Adopt-A-Family" here in Bloomington. President Heather Miller and Sentinel Katheryn Shallenberger went shopping for our family and made great purchases for them. We also talked about Learn and Fun Day which is on January 21. A sign-up sheet was passed around for anyone wishing to help. We still need volunteers, so please contact the Extension office at 663-8306 if you wish to help. We have many workshops planned, including a "what is 4-H?" workshop. This workshop will help anyone new to 4-H or anyone interested in joining 4-H. Remember that you don't have to be in 4-H to attend Learn and Fun Day. Tell a friend about it and help them get signed up. Then you both can have a great time! Another Junior Federation Meeting is coming up on January 12 and is sure to be fun for anyone between the ages of 12 and 14 years old. The meeting will be held at the Unity Community Center. Look forward to meeting new friends and become more involved on the county level.

After all of our business we finished our pizza and headed over to the Parkway Theater to see *Yours, Mine, and Ours*. The movie was great and the meeting turned out to be a success despite the many changes! It was such a success that Laura King, who organized the meeting, won the Federation Traveling Award. Next month's meeting sounds like another exciting time as we travel back in time and have a 70's Disco Night with the Timeless Clover Alumni Group. Look for more details to come and hope to see you all there!



Calendar of Events

January 10

Leaders' Meeting

January 12

Jr. Federation

January 12

Timeless Clover Alumni

January 21

Learn and Fun Day

January 23

Federation Disco Night

January 31

Volunteer Screening

For more information on any of these events please call the Extension Office at 663-8306.

Learn & Fun Day

Learn and Fun Day will be held on January 21 and we have a full day planned! Some of the workshops include: Visual Arts projects, Foods, and many other exciting workshops. Make sure your enrollment forms are into the Extension Office. Can't wait to see you there!

Disco Night!!!

Get ready to disco! The January Federation Meeting on January 23, is sure to be a night to remember as we host a 70's Disco night with the Timeless Clover Alumni Group. Look for more details to come! See you then!



Support Heather Miller at State Queen Pageant

Wish Heather Good Luck!

January 19-22 - Heather Miller, McLean County Fair Queen will be representing McLean County and participating in the IL County Fair Queen Pageant during the Illinois Association of Ag Fairs at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Heather is very excited to represent McLean County in this competition and has been preparing her speech, interview skills, modeling, etc.

Heather would like to Thank many of the clubs for their support both with well wishes and monetary donations to offset the cost.

If you would like to send her a note to wish her well please email her at Robkatheb@aol.com.

If you would like to attend the preliminary event, she will be judged on Saturday, January 21st beginning at 7:00pm. It will be best to arrive early to get a seat. Posters are allowed - but can only be 1/2 of a piece of posterboard. We will have other items to pass out to those attending from McLean County as well. Noisemakers are allowed. Please be sure to check in with us to let us know you are planning to attend. **NO VIDEO TAPING ALLOWED.** The cost is \$5.00 and can be purchased on the second floor of the Crowne Plaza in front of the ballrooms. Children 12 and under are free.



Federation Board Member of the Month

**Laura King
Reporter**

Laura King of the Home Spun 4-H club has only recently become involved with Federation. This is her third year in Federation and this year she is tackling the job of Reporter. She hopes to make more people aware of what Federation is doing with a monthly news-

letter found online. Laura's greatest accomplishment in 4-H is her Best of Show in Pastry last year where she made a fabulous Cherry-Raspberry pie using her great-grandmother's pie crust recipe. Laura has had many fun experiences, such as those at the fair and through Federation. One of her favorite Federation meetings was

the Paint Your Own Pottery at Artful Design. Laura continues to encourage teens to become involved in Federation and makes it all sound so fun!



Shoes, Shoes, and Even More Shoes

This year at the McLean County Fair, the McLean County Health Department is sponsoring an Anti-smoking booth and has asked Federation to help out. The theme for the booth is to depict how many people die from smoking each year by displaying one old shoe for each death. We are asking you to help out by dropping off old shoes at the Extension office.



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Who is Eligible for Federation?

All 4-H youth ages 12-18 are invited to attend the McLean County 4-H Federation Meetings and activities. Each club may elect 2 voting members to the 4-H Federation, however more members may attend.

Meetings

Meetings are normally held on the 4th Monday of the month. Locations vary. Board Meetings are held at 6:30pm. Federation Business Meetings are held at 7pm. - unless otherwise noted.

Meetings are followed by an activity, speaker or program. This is a great chance to get to know 4-H youth from across the county.

2005-2006 Federation Calendar



Mark your calendar for
4-H Federation!

January 23 - 70's Disco Night with Alumni

February 27 - "Dinner & A Movie" Night - "Bring A Friend"

March 27 - Cookie Decorating Contest

April 24 - Make Your Own Pottery!

May 23 - Bowling

June 27 - Grady's Family Fun Center

July - New Board/Old Board/Teambuilding

** Meeting held on different day than 4th Monday