

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Thank you so much to all the families that joined us for Achievement Celebration and the committee for putting together a great event! It's important that 4-H programs support opportunities for 4-H'ers to get to know one another from across the county and state, so I hope to see you all at the County Social on February 26 for bowling as well. Thank you for supporting the learning and growth of the youth in Johnson County 4-H. –Ami

Beginning of a New Year for Johnson County 4-H Council

As the new year begins, new officers are elected to serve in clubs and at the County Council. Theresa (Country Hearts) and Abby (Lucky Clover) now serve as President and Vice President, respectively. Completing their senior years, Chase (Morning Glory) and Samantha (Great Plains) were chosen as Secretary and Treasurer, along with Ingrid (Pioneer) and Becca (Great Plains) as the Corresponding Secretary and Reporter. Two Historians, Pax (Lucky Clover) and Mallory (Stanley Buccaneers), were selected as well. The Parliamentarian will be chosen at the next meeting by the new president. With all these new names at the County Council, we look forward to another productive year of leadership and growth as everyone becomes accustomed to the current slate of officers. By Becca Adair, County Council Reporter



2020 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **If you or your 4-H'er have not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2020 enrollments in 4HOnline will be used now. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H staff.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings

The Countywide Rabbit Project group will be meeting at the Extension office on the following dates: December 2, February 3, April 6, and June 1. There will be presentations from speakers and opportunities to learn from fellow 4-H'ers in the Rabbit Project. Meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 1070.

Meeting Dates for the Countywide Knitting Project

Looking for a relaxing, indoor 4-H project for the winter months? Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. The Countywide Knitting Project will be meeting on December 6 and 20 and January 10 and 24. Meetings take place at the Extension office in room 1070 from 7-8 p.m.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activity - Starlab

On Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 7-8 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office, Stanley Buccaneer 4-H'er Charlie Bergdall has the opportunity to do a constellation presentation in the Starlab. Starlab is a portable, blow-up planetarium where attendees crawl through a tunnel and sit on the floor while stars are projected on the interior of the lab. The focus will be learning the Winter Skies with a brief experience viewing the stars at different times of the year. The Starlab can accommodate 30 people, so a list will be formed in order of email sign-up. Please email Nancy Bergdall at bergdalldeals@gmail.com with the name of the 4-H'er, age and club by Monday, December 30, 2019. 4-H'ers get first priority and depending on the response received, adults may be allowed to participate. You will receive an initial confirmation email after signing up and a follow-up email including instructions for participating on Tuesday, December 31.

Registration Open for Tail Waggers Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2020 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 3, 2020. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers will be held on Wednesday, January 8. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 15. Further details are available in the Information/ Registration packet posted on the Johnson County 4-H Countywide Projects webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Donna Holloway at 913-433-6752 or Pat Rawitch at 913-681-0406.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horse Panorama will be January 24-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Citizenship in Action will be February 16-17 in Topeka.

Junior Beef Producer Day will be February 29 at Kansas State University.

Jo. Co. Ext. Education Foundation Dinner & Auction will be February 29 at the Arts & Heritage Center.

4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball will be March 8 at Bramlage Coliseum.

Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 14 at Kansas State University.

Fantastic 4-H Camp will be June 19-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Campference will be June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Johnson County Fair will be July 26-August 1 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 22-23 at Kansas State University.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration Open

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2020 year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 4, 2020. Training will start January 20, 2020 and will be held every Monday at 7 p.m. with set-up starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The first meeting on January 13 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone. The January 13 meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be at the Gardner First Presbyterian Church near the Johnson County Fairgrounds. A schedule and the registration form are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewing Project members - If you have ever wanted to learn to sew or are currently sewing and want a place to sew, then come join the countywide sewing group. The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. There is a break for the holidays and the group will start up again on January 9 until July 16. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

YQCA Requirement for 2020 Johnson County Fair

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 8-21 years old. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

All livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the Johnson County Fair, Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Be sure to plan ahead so that all 4-H'ers have plenty of time to get certified! Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4HOnline. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. Johnson County 4-H will hold in-person trainings on January 7 and February 24. Save the date on your calendar and registration information will be sent out soon. For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html and contact the Johnson County 4-H staff with questions.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under "Advice from a 4-H'er." If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you more information.

Local Opportunities

Grants Available for Johnson County 4-H Projects

Johnson County 4-H will again this year be offering Project Leader Grants for project leaders or volunteers interested in leading a countywide project! The purpose of this grant is to offer project meetings to 4-H'ers who would otherwise not have an opportunity to learn about the project, to increase participation in projects 4-H'ers are already enrolled in and increase overall enrollment in projects. If awarded, the project leader would receive an amount of up to \$100. Grant money will be used to cover the cost of materials so that 4-H'ers can participate in the project with little to no cost. It could also cover admission to educational exhibits. If you are currently leading project meetings with your club and only have a couple members we encourage you to apply so you can open up your meetings to others outside your club. A link to the application and more information is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Forms and Resources webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Up to 4 grants will be given out every year and the first application deadline is December 1, so act now! If you have any questions please contact Ami.

County Council Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. County Council officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 2.

If you missed the opportunity to sign up for Council Committees at the November meeting there is still time! As a reminder, actively participating in a Council Committee is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council Committees is posted on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html; along with a link to sign up. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our countywide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated 4-H'ers and adult volunteers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to 4-H Council representatives. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up by January 1, 2020. The link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council webpage.

Bring Coding and Robotics Activities to Your Club

Many 4-H'ers had an opportunity to experience the fun of computer science using Spheros and EV3 robots at the Project Fair. Bring these opportunities to your club by getting trained to offer robotics programming in your club. Registered adult volunteers will have an opportunity to rent these devices for two weeks for programming. The training is scheduled for December 7 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Extension office in room 1070. Junior leaders are invited to attend with an adult volunteer. To register for this training, complete the information on the form at <https://forms.eghbjdrg1LfpYaJ7>. Please contact Ami with any questions.

Local Opportunities

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. Registration and payment links and the guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Please note that there are two different registration links. One is for individual, duo, etc. events and the other is for club events. Only one person in your club needs to sign the entire club up for club events. All events are required to be pre-registered online by January 15 in order to participate in Club Day. Once registration has closed, additional information will be sent out in regards to signing up for specific time slots.

Food Fare

The 2020 Food Fare will be held on Saturday, January 25 at the Extension office. Food Fare is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "States." Food Fare participants will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your club would like to have a booth at this year's Food Fare, please sign up for your theme on the 4-H Food Fare webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Free 4-H Bowling Social

Johnson County 4-H'ers are invited to attend a **FREE** 4-H bowling social sponsored by 4-H Council and put on by the 4-H Ambassadors. This will be a great opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from other clubs and reconnect with friends you met at camp or other 4-H events! It will take place on Wednesday, February 26, from 6-8 p.m. at Olathe Mission Bowl. There are enough lanes reserved for 80 4-H'ers, so make sure you RSVP soon to reserve your spot! Snacks and soft drinks are also included. Parents are more than welcome to come, watch and socialize, but bowling is reserved for the youth. 4-H'ers will be assigned lanes at random as an opportunity to make new 4-H friends. A link to register is posted on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

Regional Opportunities

Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

Kansas 4-H is Jammin' Out with Leadership! 4-H members age 12 to 18 and adult volunteers are invited to the Northeast Region 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall at Rock Springs 4-H Center.



NELE is led by the Northeast Region Youth Council representatives. There are multiple class opportunities available for youth and adults. Registration is \$30 and includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. A link to the registration and information page is posted on the Kansas 4-H Events webpage at

www.kansas4-h.org/events/.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

REPORTER'S CORNER

What do performing arts, photography, and poultry have in common? The Prairie Moon 4-H Club members volunteered to share their knowledge about these projects and more at the Johnson County Extension Office during the recent 4-H Project Fair. Kennedy displayed her love for dancing, gymnastics, playing the cello, and other performing arts through her tri-fold board highlighting her Kansas Achievement Portfolio elements. Alana, Kenna, and Janessa shared their Johnson County and Kansas State Fair award-winning photographs at their display. Dallas shared his love of entomology at his table focused on local butterflies and insects. Elizabeth shared her poultry project highlights at her display while her brother, Evan, demonstrated his robotics skills nearby.

Members of other Johnson County 4-H Clubs were also on hand to share their experiences in various projects from baking to visual arts to shooting sports and ceramics. The room was full of energy as incoming members, curious community investors, and club members shared their contagious enthusiasm at the beginning of this new 4-H year.

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter



REPORTER'S CORNER

4-H'ers Serve Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House Family Room

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

On November 3, 2019 the Frontier Family 4-H Club served breakfast to 30 family members of critically injured or ill children at the Ronald McDonald house family room. The family room is a place where the family of patients at Children's Mercy Hospital can get food, rest and a shower and do their laundry. The club served muffins, oatmeal, eggs and many other foods along with juice and coffee. Several visitors recognized 4-H and smiled.

"My favorite part of helping out at Ronald McDonald House this time was seeing all of our club working together and talking to all of the people," said club member Jennifer.



Frontier Family 4-H'ers welcome breakfast guests.



Club members Christina, Joanna and Mary enjoy slicing breads to serve.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club celebrated the end of the 2018-2019 4-H year at the 4-H is Your Ticket to Success Johnson County 4-H Achievement Celebration at Hope Lutheran Church and School on November 9, 2019. All but one member was able to attend. The club received a Purple Seal with an emphasis on Community Service. This year, the club earned a combined total of 16 Kansas Award Portfolio medallions. Members of the club also won the Newswriting Award and Public Speaking Awards. Five adult volunteers were recognized for their First Year of Service. Good luck to the Happy Helpers 4-H Club in learning and serving in the upcoming 4-H year! By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter



REPORTER'S CORNER

Cameras at the Springs

By Pax Bustamante, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

Did you know that there are a ton of 4-H photographers out here in Johnson County? 285 were enrolled last 4-H year. We have the highest enrollment of the state! Well one of Lucky Clover 4-H Club's own has been enjoying the photography project for 3 years and is kicking off her second year as Project Leader. Her name is Jaden and October 12-13 she went to a program called C.A.T.S. (Cameras At The Springs). The event took place at Rock Springs Ranch. The itinerary for the workshop was packed with in the field experience and speakers. At C.A.T.S. Jaden took pictures of the stars, learned about angles and different camera settings as well as lots of scenery shot practice. A note from Jaden herself: "We worked on techniques to capture the sunset, sunrise, reflections and lighting in a completely dark room, some trick photography, like creating ghosts in the backgrounds and light painting along with critiquing the photos we took."

C.A.T.S. was hosted by the 4-H Photo Action Group of Kansas. According to their website, the mission is "to create and expand opportunities for youth and adults interested in photography,



provide volunteer leadership for Extension units, regional and state level events and work in cooperation with 4-H Specialists to define and refine photography curriculum and competition under the 4-H brand." There is a five-year grant to train project leaders and help network photography leaders throughout the state.

Stay tuned – Jaden worked with 4-H photography judges and professionals from all over the state and even learned more

about County and State judging teams. Is this the year for Johnson County to have a team? Reporter Pax Bustamante is on the case and will keep you posted. Until next time...

Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline.

Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

December

- 1 - Project Leader Grant Applications due
- 2 - Countywide Rabbit Project Meeting
 - County Council Officers meeting
- 3 - Countywide Crochet Project Meeting
- 6 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 7 - Project Leader Robotics Training
- 17 - Countywide Crochet Project Meeting
- 20 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 25-31 - Christmas Holiday, office closed

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee Sign-ups due online
- 2 - Starlab Presentation (pre-registration required)
- 3 - Tail Waggers Training Registration due
- 4 - Dog Club Training Registration due
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 7 - YQCA in-person training
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 15 - Club Day Registration & Payment due
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Northeast Region 4-H Leadership Event
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 24 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 25 - Food Fare
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2020 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2020 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at christin.bartels@jocogov.org.

Leader Update

2020 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **Being an enrolled 4-H member ensures that the 4-H'er is covered with accidental insurance during club and project meetings. Please help us provide a safe and welcoming program by encouraging all your club members to enroll immediately.** Also, if families are not enrolled for the 2020 4-H year, they will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year's enrollments is now being used.

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New Club Seal Requirements

Starting this year there are new requirements for the Club Seal and a new process to complete the Club Summary in order for a club to receive their seal. Please take time now as a club to review the new requirements so that goals for the year can be set early. The Club Summary form is online only and is posted on the Leader Resources webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. This replaces the paper Club Summary form.

Club Leader Resources Page

Please take some time to look over the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. If you are looking for something and can't find it, please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Reminder: Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals will now be completed through 4HOnline. We asked that all current volunteers have their renewal completed by November 1. If you have not completed the renewal process in 4HOnline for the 2019-2020 year, you should not be volunteering for your club. Once you have completed the renewal process in 4HOnline and your profile has been made "Active" you may resume your volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 no longer need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact Amanda.