

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Wow! I enjoyed the opportunity to watch our talented 4-H'ers at Club Day and am looking forward to Regional Club Day. Big THANK YOU to our families and community volunteers for making this opportunity possible. If your 4-H'er participated in Club Day, please have them complete a survey: <http://bit.ly/39fZBkV>. We hope you are making the most out of opportunities in 4-H and encouraging your 4-H'er to step outside the box and try something new. –Ami

Food Fare Success

Food Fare was a huge success with nine 4-H clubs and the Master Food Volunteers hosting tables. We had over 190 participants RSVP and over 110 nonperishable food items were collected and donated to New Hope Food Pantry in Olathe. Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club was voted Favorite Overall Booth and will receive a cash award for winning. The state they chose was Hawaii. A link to this year's Recipe Book is on the Johnson County 4-H Food Fare page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. We hope you will join us next year.

Club Day Judging Activity Results

Horticulture: Congratulations to the 35 youth that participated in the contest during Club Day. 4-H'ers had to identify 14 different plants ranging from popcorn to pothos. While apples and green onions were the judging classes that had to be ranked from best to worst specimen. High scores in each of the divisions were:

Junior: Gabbie S. – Morning Glory 4-H Club

Intermediate: Kenna R. – Prairie Moon 4-H Club

Senior: Chase E. – Morning Glory 4-H Club

If you enjoyed learning more about plants and are interested in being part of a judging team, please contact the Extension office. Johnson County would love to have a horticulture judging team for the state contest in August. The state contest is similar to this experience only bigger with more plants to identify and more judging classes.

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Club Day Judging Activity Results (continued)

Family & Consumer Sciences: Great work 4-H'ers for testing your knowledge of FCS. Participants identified sewing tools and judged a variety of projects from cookies, constructed garments, and a room remodel. Below are the results of the combined scores:

Intermediate: 1st place: Megan K. – Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club

2nd place: Gabbie S. – Morning Glory 4-H Club

3rd place: Morena D. – Pioneer 4-H Club

Senior: 1st place: Elizabeth L. – Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club

2nd place: Tylier S. – Prairie Moon 4-H Club

3rd place: Ryan B. – Great Plains 4-H Club

We hope you consider participating in the State Fair FCS Judging contest. Contest rules will be posted in the State Fair Book.

Photography: Over 50 4-H'ers participated in photography judging. If you are interested in being part of a Photography Judging Team for the State Fair, please contact the Extension office.

Congratulations to the top five finishers:

Gabbie S. – Morning Glory 4-H Club

Samantha B. – Great Plains 4-H Club

Trent E. – Comet Tech 4-H Club

Maddie A. – Lucky Clover 4-H Club

Nathan A. – Lucky Clover 4-H Club

Thank you for supporting the Ambassadors Program!



Thank you for supporting the Ambassadors at the Johnson County Club Day. We look forward to using the funds raised to provide scholarships for 4-H'ers to attend state events such as Discovery Days and Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF).

We are visiting 4-H clubs in the next few weeks to promote upcoming events. If you would like us to visit, please contact Ainsley, Ambassador President, at ainsleyjp@icloud.com.

Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers and art students. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to create an "Old Maid" style card game and distributed to Kansas schools. The program encourages youth to get their creative hats on and create an entry to submit before the April 3, 2020 deadline. Entries must feature an insect as the central focus of the art. More information on the rules and how to submit an entry can be found at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>.



Important Deadlines

Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and have an Active status in 4HOnline to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. ***Please note that the Horse ID Certificate has been updated for the 2020 4-H year. **This updated form must be used for this year.** Also posted on the webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. It can only be one page (front and back).

4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 7 for more information about YQCA Certification.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2020

4HOnline opened October 1, 2019 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 is missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2020 enrollments in 4HOnline is now being used. 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.

NOTE: There is a known issue when some users try to pay the Kansas 4-H Program fee with a credit/debit card during enrollment in 4HOnline. If you are having trouble using a card, please contact Christin for help or choose the option to pay by check and mail it to the Kansas 4-H office. Sorry for any inconvenience.

County Fair Updates

County Fair Tip of the Month: Start Planning Now

Fair is a large showcase opportunity for 4-H'ers. We suggest that families start planning now to make the best opportunities for a 4-H project to become an entry for the fair. For example, if you are thinking about...

- remodeling a room in your house → Consider a **Home Environment Project**.
- planting a seedling for Earth Day → Consider a **Plant Science Project**.
- planning a party → Consider a **Table Setting Project**.
- learning circuitry → Consider an **Energy Management Project**.

The 2020 Fair Book is not yet available but we highly suggest that you review the 2019 Fair Book for ideas. It can be found on the Johnson County Fair web site at www.jocokansasfair.com/p/getinvolved/exhibitor-information.

Changes to the 2020 Fair Schedule

In an effort to provide an additional day for the community to view 4-H projects, the Fair Board and the Extension office have decided to make the following changes to the schedule:

Event Being Changed	New Time	Notes
Livestock Stall Decorations	Saturday 1 p.m.–Sunday 1 p.m. or upon completion of Dog Show on Sunday or Monday night	*Updated from January Clover Clips* Sheep stall decoration and bedding cannot be placed until Tuesday morning.
Livestock Check-in	Tuesday 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep
Sheep Grooming Contest	Tuesday 4 p.m.	
Dairy Cattle	Wednesday 10 a.m.	
Rabbits & Poultry Accepted	Tuesday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.	This is the only time that they will be accepted
Dairy Goats	Wednesday 12 p.m.	
Livestock Judging	Friday Check-in 12:30 p.m., Event starts at 1 p.m.	Awards will be held at the Memorial Building
Round Robin	Friday Check-in at 6 p.m.	

New Event: Sheep/Goat Costume Contest - Wednesday at 4 p.m. Open to any exhibitor showing sheep or goats. Contest consists of a short 5 minute or less narrative written by the exhibitor and costumes for both exhibitor and animal that go with the narrative. Judging will be based on originality, promotion of the sheep and/or goat projects, workmanship of costumes, and control of animal. Sign up will run similarly to the Beef and Sheep Grooming Contests. Contact Denise King at kingflock@aol.com with questions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to provide the best possible schedule for our 4-H'ers and families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ami.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fair Judges Training will be April 1 in Paola.

Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser will be April 29-May 10 at TSC stores and online.

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be May 27-29 at Kansas State University.

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

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

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 15 at Kansas State University.

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

Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 7-18 at TSC stores and online.

Project Update & Opportunities

4-H Horse Show Rule Book 2020 Revisions

The newly revised 4-H Horse Show Rule Book is now available and can be found on the Kansas 4-H Horse Project page at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse. (A) Revisions were made to the following sections: Ownership, Leasing, Entering District Horse Shows, and Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining. (B) The following classes were eliminated or phased out: Senior Horse Western Pleasure, Junior Horse Western Pleasure, and Two-year-old Snaffle bit. (C) The Costume, Roping Classes have had all information moved to the web site and are no longer included in the rule book. (D) Lastly, there have been changes to district assignments. The number of District Horse Shows has been reduced from 7 to 6 districts – Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest, and Southwest. The counties/districts that made up the East Central District have been reassigned as follows: Northeast District now includes Douglas, Frontier District (Garnett, Lyndon, Ottawa), Johnson, and Lyon; and the Southeast District now includes Coffey and Marais des Cygnes (Mound City, Paola).

2020 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Informational flyers with registration details for each show are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Spring Beef Show - April 18

The Spring Beef Show will be held Saturday, April 18, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by April 1. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after April 1. All market steers and heifers will be weighed from 7-9 a.m. on Saturday morning. 4-H Beef project members not showing in the Spring Beef Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 6-7 p.m. on Friday, April 17, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Goat Show - May 30

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show - May 30

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show - May 31

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, May 31, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Bucket Calf Show - May 31

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, May 31, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

County Project Opportunities



Archery SPIN Club Enrollment



Online enrollment for the Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will begin February 27. The registration link will be posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html. A \$35 equipment fee will be required during the online enrollment. This fee is for use of all the equipment, including bows, arrows, targets,

stands, arm guard, finger protection, etc. The focus will be on beginning archery but instructors also work with those that have more advanced skills. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for perhaps joining the Match Practice group during the summer, in which there is limited space available.

Archery SPIN will meet six times on Sunday afternoons, beginning March 29. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd., Lenexa, KS. Dates/times will be March 29, April 5, 19, 26, May 3, and 10, from 2-3:30 p.m. In the event of bad weather, make-up days may be added during the week. You must be there for the first meeting, since most of the safety topics will be covered that day. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Participants do not need to be current 4-H members, but must be between 4-H ages of 8-18 (age **before** January 1, 2020). Previous years' participants that are not a member of Archery Match Practice may take the class again. This is your only opportunity to get this instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Registrations are limited and fill up quickly each year. In addition to the equipment fee, participants will be required to fill out a SPIN Enrollment Form and a 4-H Participation Form. Contact Arn Eccles at eccles@embarqmail.com for more information about the class, or the Johnson County 4-H office about getting signed up. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after enrollment has closed.

Astronomy Meetings to Make County Fair Entries

Anyone interested in the Astronomy Project is invited to participate in the following activities. Wouldn't it be great to have a county fair entry completed ahead of time, not at the last minute? There will be two opportunities this year to make Astronomy fair entries:

1) Astronomy Posters, Educational Displays, and Notebooks

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Please bring the following supplies to the meeting:

- Brainstorm in advance about your favorite astronomy topic you have or want to learn about this year (examples: planets, stars, comets, galaxies, space phenomena, etc.).
 - Poster (20" x 30"), educational display (3' x 4' tri-fold display board), or notebook (any size 3-ring binder)
 - Print out and bring to the meeting any pictures, facts, etc. you would like to include in your display.
- Scissors, glue/glue sticks, construction paper will be available at the meeting, however if there is a particular color of construction paper you will be needing, please bring it with you to the meeting.

2) Telescope-Building Workshop – You will be building telescopes from scratch!

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Supplies: Please bring two paper towel tubes for each 4-H'er participating in the workshop.

**If you are planning on coming to either program please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com to ensure that enough supplies are available for the meeting.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project please contact Heather Anderson, Astronomy Project Leader, at handerson3@gmail.com.

County Project Opportunities

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 until July 16. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings

The remaining meeting dates for the Countywide Rabbit Project group are 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 at the Extension office. If you have any questions, contact Jenny at jwassom@msn.com.

YQCA Requirement for 2020 Fair

What is YQCA? 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 ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.

Who Needs to be certified?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 7 and older exhibiting in the cattle, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 8 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification. Exhibitors participating as a 7-year-old will be exempt for the 2020 year.

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of 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.

Please remember to use your 4-HOnline information to login and **print your YQCA Certificate to bring to County Fair. For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html and feel free to contact the Johnson County 4-H office if you have any questions.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club 2020 Dog Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows this year. The first invitational show will be on June 13, starting at 8:30 a.m. Entries need to be sent in by June 8. There will be an invitational Rally-O and Agility only dog show on July 11 at 8:30 a.m. Entries for this show need to be sent in by July 6. Informational flyers are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. If you have questions, please contact Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.



Local Opportunities

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. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

Teens in the Kitchen Classes

Step up your cooking game with new cooking techniques and knowledge that you can use every day. All classes are \$20 per teen and offered at the Extension office from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for youth ages 13-18. Sign up for classes at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

March 14 - Roasting - Learn the techniques and applications of roasting to bring out the sweet notes in savory foods.

April 11 - Eggs - Fried, poached, shirred... there are so many delicious things you can do with eggs. We'll explore a few of them in this class.

May 9 - Stir Fry - Stir frying is a fast way to add deep flavor to fresh foods. We'll talk about the tools and techniques used in this versatile cooking method.

Spring Break Day Camps

March 17 - Barn Quilt Day Camp

A 4-H Barn Quilt Workshop will be held on March 17, 2020 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm (aka Zimmerman's Barn) in De Soto. A barn quilt is a square, wooden board that has been painted to look like a quilt. At this workshop youth will paint a 2'x2' wood board in a quilt block design. This workshop is open to youth ages 10-18 for \$35 per participant. The workshop is limited to 15 youth.

March 20 & 21 - Sewing Camp

Are you looking to learn how to sew? Sign-up to participate in a 2-day Sewing Camp where, for just \$50, you will receive six hours of instruction. There are two sessions to choose from: the Morning Session (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) OR Afternoon Session (1-4 p.m.). Both sessions will be held at the Extension office and are open to all beginners ages 7-18. We will create a pillow case on Day 1 (Friday) and pajama pants on Day 2 (Saturday). There is a limited number of sewing machines available so sign up quickly. Please contact Nicole at nicolejanzen35@yahoo.com or 913-940-1066 with any questions.

***Links to register for the day camps are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html.

Seeking Donations:

Johnson County 4-H needs your help collecting the following items for a hands-on activity during 4-H Camp:

- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Kleenex boxes (can be flattened)
- Cereal boxes (can be flattened)

If you have these items available, please collect and bring to the Extension Office. Thank you!

Local Opportunities

Computer Science Junior Project Leader Opportunity

Become a trained Computer Science Project Leader and deliver programs to your club, school, or community. A stipend of \$100 will be awarded upon completion of 10 project hours for attending a 4-hour training and providing 6 hours of programming between March and September. You must be over the age of 12 to participate. Email Ami for more details.

Fantastic 4-H Camp

This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS and is June 19-22. Registration links will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Work on the registration site is still in progress, so registration will not be open until some time in March. Please watch your email for updates.

**Camp counselors are also needed for Fantastic 4-H camp. Counselors must be at least 15 years old and adults are also always needed. Register to be a counselor through the same registration site as campers. If you have any questions about being a camp counselor, contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Help Wanted: 4-H Food Stand

Three responsible and organized adult volunteers are needed to serve as a 4-H Food Stand Manager or Assistant for this year's Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and more. The positions do come with a stipend. Please see the Position Descriptions posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.



State Opportunities

4-H Super Saturday

Held on March 21 in Hays, this annual event promises to provide engaging learning opportunities for 4-H'ers of all ages and their parents. You'll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year's 4-H Super Saturday. The contests are also open to FFA members. Specific contest and workshop details are available at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html along with the registration form. The registration deadline is March 13.

Science of Agriculture Challenge

Tackle an agriculture-related issue in the community, find solutions, and share projects with the community. This state event is an opportunity for youth in grades 6-12 to participate in a hands-on learning experience. Visit www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/science-of-agriculture/ for more details.

State Opportunities

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day

Junior Sheep Producer Day is a biennial event that takes place at Weber Arena on the Kansas State campus in Manhattan. This year, it will be held on Saturday, March 14. Each junior day program is a one-day educational opportunity for youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and other interested parties to increase their knowledge about youth livestock production and management. All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register (both adults/parents and youth). The cost for each junior day is \$15/person for those who register by the early deadline, and \$20/person for those who register after the deadline. Please note, any registrations *received* after the early deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. **There are no refunds.**

There are two methods to register: by mail or online. To register by mail, complete the bottom portion of the flyer posted on the Youth Livestock website at www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ and send with payment to their office. Or register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

Create the 2020 4-H Dog Conference Theme and T-Shirt Design

Submit your ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference theme and t-shirt design to Kansas 4-H Specialist, Shane Potter at potters@ksu.edu by April 15. Along with the idea in text format and a sketch of the conference graphic, include your name, local Extension unit, address and email.

The 4-H member who creates the winning design idea will receive a free Dog Conference registration for the 2020 event. The 2019 winner was Josslyn DePew from Dickinson County with the “Rock Star 4-H Dogs” theme.

Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Students in grades 9-12 with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance students’ leadership skills and animal science knowledge with the goal to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The academy will take place in Manhattan, June 24-27, 2020. The program’s itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours, and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry in order to educate others. The leadership academy will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception.

Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 fee to reserve their spot. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. Applications are due April 15, and can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

Applications for Hosting Academic Year Students Available

The National 4-H Pool of Academic Year students now contains 23 of the expected 42 students. Kansas families can apply now and can choose from available students on a first come basis. The programs 4-H is partnering with in 2020-2021 include Better Futures Education (South Korea), Korea 4-H (South Korea), Labo (Japan), LEX (Japan), FLEX (Eurasia) and YES (Southern Europe, Asia and Africa). Families host for a school year and provide three meals a day, lodging and transportation. Contact Mary Kay Munson, state coordinator, for details and applications at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

REPORTER'S CORNER

4-H Robotics Competition!!

By Kennedy Botkin, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter

We, the Comet Tech 4-H club, made it to the robotics league regionals!!! For the competition, we had to do many presentations, and we had to do three rounds of the actual robotics. For one of the presentations, we did a skit about the safety of traffic and road signs. The next one was about all the core values we showed during the competition. Those are Discovery, Innovation, Teamwork, Impact, Inclusion, and, last but not least, FUN!! For the robot part, we had to do these fun challenges that we programmed before.



Top row: Kennedy, Mason, Gabriella
Bottom: Ryan, Micah

Coats for Kids

By Keaton Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

The Blue River Wranglers collected coats, hats, gloves and socks for a group called Free Hot Soup. This group donates the items to the homeless.

At the January meeting members of the club enjoyed a soup potluck. There were different soups like potato, chili and curry soup. Lucy C. did a demonstration on how to make slime. The club members also voted on a field trip for the families. The club voted to spend the night with the sting-rays at the zoo and go to the Chiefs stadium for a tour.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers at County Club Day

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club participated in the Johnson County 4-H Club Day held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner, Kansas. The club participated with twenty entries in a variety of events including: Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Project Talks, Vocal Solos and Ensemble, Oral Interpretations, Cloverbud Show and Share, Dance and Novelty Acts. The club earned a total of 7 Top Purple placements, 5 Alternate Top Purple placements, 2 Purple ribbons, 4 Blue ribbons, 1 Red ribbon, and a Cloverbud Participation ribbon. The Happy Helpers had fun and learned about working together over the past month while preparing for their club Novelty Act presentation. They are especially excited about a Top Purple placement in this category and enjoyed supporting one another in their various individual presentations throughout County Club Day. The club is looking forward to representing Johnson County at Regional Club Day in March 2020.



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.

March

- 2 - County Council meeting
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - 4-H Day w/ Wildcat Basketball (pre-registration was required)
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Teens in the Kitchen Class (pre-registration required)
- 16 - Robotics Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 17 - Barn Quilt Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 & 21 - Sewing Camp (pre-registration required)
- 21 - 4-H Super Saturday in Hays
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Regional Club Day

April

- 1 - Fair Judges Training in Paola
 - Spring Beef Show pre-registration due
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 3 - Insect Art Contest entry deadline
- 5 - Countywide Astronomy Project meeting
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Countywide Rabbit Project Meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Teens in the Kitchen Class (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Dog Conference Theme/T-shirt Designs due
 - KSU Leadership Academy Applications due
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - Evening weigh-in for Beef project members **not** showing in the Spring Show
- 18 - Spring Beef Show
- 23 - 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

Families with Financial Difficulties

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in 4-H or an overnight event, please contact the Extension office for support.

2020 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1, 2019 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 are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from the current year's enrollments in 4HOnline is now being used.

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.