

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

Growing up in California, I absolutely love this time of year when the leaves change color and the seasons change. It stops me just long enough to pause, reflect, and appreciate all I have.

This month, I am going to challenge myself and you to send a handwritten note of appreciation daily. It can be anything from a post-it to a card but it's amazing how much a small note can brighten someone's day. -Ami

## 2021 Enrollment

The new 4-H Online system opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. The new website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2020.

New enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted on our 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://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 office. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

## 4-H'ers Age 14-18, Ambassador Applications Due Soon

Join the 2021 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H and meeting new people, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. The application and more information can be found on our 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html).

Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

## Window Display Contest Winner is...



Great Plains 4-H Club!

Thank you to all the clubs that participated and for promoting 4-H in the community.

- 4-H Ambassadors

# Deadlines & Reminders

## **4-H Financial Audit Due November 1**

The annual audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found on the Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/). Every club/group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of two 4-H members and two adult volunteers. This information is due to the Extension office by November 1, 2020. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Contact Ami with questions.

## **Extension's COVID-19 Meeting Protocol**

We must remain vigilant to keep safety of the participants, volunteers and public top priority during this COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that all participants do their part to minimize the risk by staying home if you are sick, wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance, and following all other health recommendations from the Johnson County Health Department. Please review the 4-H Meeting Guidelines at [www.kansas4-h.org/docs/COVID-4H-Meeting-Guidelines.pdf](http://www.kansas4-h.org/docs/COVID-4H-Meeting-Guidelines.pdf).

### **Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H**

**Question:** *What 4-H projects have been the most meaningful to you during your 4-H career and why?*

**Mr. 4-H, Jayden Brethour:** The three 4-H projects that have had the largest impact on me are



Energy Management, Public Speaking, and Foods.

I started being involved in the Energy Management project my first year in 4-H and have loved it since then. I learned a lot about all types of electricity related projects, from how to rewire a lamp to how to make a moisture sensor. My father and grandpa helped me learn how to test voltage, solder, and everything between. I have found this project helps you grow in critical thinking when you have to find solutions for a problem you are facing. Public Speaking is something that I have grown in because of 4-H. It has helped me be able to articulate my views with others. Because of the skills I

learned, I am now able to powerfully present talks to teachers and peers. These skills are useful, regardless of your career plan.

The Foods project is one of my newer projects, but I have quickly grown to love it. Who wouldn't love a project that results in getting cookies, cakes, pies, and other wonderful food? Much like Public Speaking, the skills that you gain are useful for the rest of your life.

Regardless of which project you find most meaningful, I urge you to enthusiastically pursue it.

**Ms. 4-H, Kaylen Dawson:** The most meaningful project that I have been involved in through 4-H



has to be any and all of the livestock that I have shown throughout my years. Showing livestock has taught me many skills and has shaped me into the person I am today. I have learned several things that I would not know if I was not involved with livestock shows. I have had many experiences, good and bad that have helped me overcome and conquer challenges that I face in everyday situations. Showing livestock in 4-H has helped me become more responsible, due to having to prep and take care of several animals for the show.

# Local Opportunities

## Officer Training Videos Now Available

Please visit the Officer Training website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html) to view informational videos about many of the 4-H officer positions. Also posted on this page is a link to the slides from the presentation given during Officer Training before participants went to their officer-specific training sessions. As well as some resources that presenters used during their training session.

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## County Council Elections and 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. starting on November 2. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting. The newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 7.

Actively participating in two Council Committees 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 website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html). Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Ami.

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## Seeking Pen Pals

Did you know, prior to COVID-19, nearly 1 in 5 older adults were affected by social isolation? Through COVID-19, more older adults have been socially isolated from family, loved ones and the broader community.

4-H'ers, can you help address this need by serving as a pen pal? If interested, we will provide stationary and stamps for you to interact with Johnson County seniors who would like a young pen pal friend. Share your passion and ask them for their story. Share your 4-H experience and help them learn what you do. If interested, register at <https://conta.cc/3otUOFg> by November 13 and you will receive more information.

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## Attend the General Fair Board Meeting

Are you interested in learning more about the Johnson County Fair and/or helping out? Then plan to attend the Johnson County General Fair Board Meeting at 7 p.m. on November 4, in the Open Building on the fairgrounds in Gardner. Also, if you are wanting to become a General Fair Board Member, then you must be in attendance at the General Fair Board Meeting as well.

## Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

**Did you know...** The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook applies to all K-State Research and Extension faculty, staff, boards, volunteers, youth, and families. We must all support, implement, and follow these policies. The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook was revised September 2020 and is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at [www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html).

# County Project Opportunities

## Project Fair

New this year is a chance to explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project have been posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html) for you to watch when you choose.

**\*\*4-H'ers Needed\*\*** We need 4-H members to share their project experiences in a 3-5 minute video to help other members get started in the project! If you are able to record a video please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project) and email Ami for details and tips.

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## Be a Part of 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 meetings will be November 6, November 20, December 4, December 18, January 18, and January 22. The meetings will be held at the Extension office. Please contact Sarah at [skallansrud@yahoo.com](mailto:skallansrud@yahoo.com) to be added to the email list and then watch your email for exact meeting dates and times.

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## Countywide Livestock Program

Are you looking for a way to enhance your livestock project or learn more about livestock? Check out our new Johnson County 4-H Livestock Program! The Johnson County 4-H Livestock Program will consist of educational programs, events, and competitions throughout the year that 4-H'ers can be involved in. Our first meeting will be held on November 12 at 7 p.m., there will be limited seating in the meeting room, so a Zoom option will also be available. The meeting will be at the Extension office. If you would like to be added to the email list for meeting information and future updates, contact Molly at [molly.maddy@jocogov.org](mailto:molly.maddy@jocogov.org). **All 4-H families of all experience levels are welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting and sign up to receive information!**

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## 4-H Western Heritage Project

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the Frontier West from 1860 to 1900. It combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with fun and exciting western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West through a living history approach to learning, while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the Frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.

For details on sessions, competition, and fun, contact David Birk at [dvdbirk@yahoo.com](mailto:dvdbirk@yahoo.com) or 913-269-2176. Also, plan to come to our November Kickoff session at the Cowboy Action area of Powder Creek Shooting Park (8602 Monticello Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66227) on November 15, from 2-4 p.m. and bring your friends. Have fun today and step into the past!



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## Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewers - The countywide sewing group will start meeting again on January 7, at the Extension office. The meeting room is limited to 22 people, therefore the sewer and a parent should be the only ones attending. (Siblings not sewing should be left at home, please.) The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at 913-302-5812.

# County Project Opportunities

## **Countywide 4-H Coding Project**

Join us to learn the basics of block programming. The target age group for the project meetings will be youth ages 9-12. The meeting will take place at the Extension office in room 1070/1075 and all resources will be provided. Registration will be limited to 10 individuals to allow for physical distancing. A link to register is posted under "Coding" at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html).

Session 1: Programming on Spheros (Saturday, November 21 / 1-3 p.m.)

Session 2: Program a Game on Scratch (December date - TBD)

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## **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 2021 year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than December 31, 2020. Training will start January 18, 2021 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 11 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone. This 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](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). If you have questions you may reach out to Shelly Goebel at 913-634-8688 or Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.

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## **Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project**

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2021 Training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2021. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers will be held on Wednesday, January 6. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 13. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html). Contact Donna Holloway at 913-433-6752 or Pat Rawitch at 913-681-0406 with questions.

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## **YQCA Requirements**

**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 beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the 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.

**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](http://www.YQCA.org) and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. 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. Dates for in-person trainings in Johnson County will be announced soon.

**Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county Fair.** For more information visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

# State Opportunities

## Clovia Leadership House at K-State

Alpha of Clovia 4-H Cooperative Leadership House offers an opportunity to gain a new home away from home and learn to find your way around K-State and Manhattan with the support of friends that feel like family. Move into Clovia and build your K-State community full of new friends with similar backgrounds and interests. You will live in-house as a freshman, alongside the upperclassmen and be actively involved with the house and community.

To be eligible you must:

- Have a leadership background
- Be enrolled as a full time student at K-State for the fall semester
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher for high school seniors or GPA of 2.65 for college transfers

To apply, complete an application on [www.alphaofclovia.org/apply/](http://www.alphaofclovia.org/apply/), submit 3 letters of reference and complete an in-person or videoconference interview.

Clovia will be holding a Virtual Hospitality Day where you can virtually explore the life of Clovia and how it can enhance your college years at Kansas State University on Sunday, November 8, 2020, from 2-4 p.m. via Zoom. RSVP to [alphaofclovia@gmail.com](mailto:alphaofclovia@gmail.com).

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## Kansas 4-H Crops Identification Contest

The 4-H Crops Identification Contest at the Kansas State Fair was cancelled, a contest will be offered virtually this fall. Registration is now open at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5zQiuQIFE8Hg3xX](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zQiuQIFE8Hg3xX) until Thursday, November 12. The contest is open to all Kansas 4-H youth, ages 9-18 (4-H age). For those that register by the deadline an email will be sent on Friday, November 13 with the contest link to participate. The virtual contest will be open from Saturday, November 14 at 9 a.m. through Sunday, November 22, closing at 11:59 p.m. The contest will use Qualtrics and participants will be given a timed 30 minutes for each of two identifying classes - 50 plant samples and 50 seed samples.

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## 2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

The 2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum is scheduled for the evening of November 20, 2020. The event will be hosted virtually for 2020. The comradery of being at Rock Springs will be missed, but the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is excited to offer the opportunity to come together virtually to learn from each other.

The general schedule is as follows:

- 6:30-7:00 p.m. - Welcome Opener
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Workshops Session One
- 8:00-8:30 p.m. - KA4-HV Session
- 8:30-9:15 p.m. - Workshops Session Two

Registration is set to close on November 16. After registration closes participants will receive an email with a more detailed schedule and log-in information. To register, complete the information at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_byGT9vSIXcRKpox](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byGT9vSIXcRKpox).

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Fantastic 4-H Camp** will be June 6-9 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.  
**Johnson County Fair** will be July 25-31 in Gardner.

# National Opportunities

## National Youth Summit Series

The 4-H National Youth Summit Series brings together high school students for three days of hands-on activities and workshops, led by leaders and educators in these fields. For 2020 and 2021, these events will be held virtually. Participants will have the opportunity to work alongside students and experts with shared interests, as well as learn and strengthen technical and leadership skills.

### **2020 STEM Summit: Mars Basecamp** - Online, November 6-8, 2020 - **Registration Now Open!**

Your team of astronauts is stranded on Mars. Your supplies are dwindling. How will you survive, and how will you return to Earth? At the 2020 virtual STEM Summit November 6-8, students will work with peers and group leaders to solve this challenge. Each exercise will test and strengthen both the STEM skills and the teamwork and collaboration it takes to solve complex problems in the real world. Register at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>.

### **2021 Healthy Living Summit** - Online, February 11-14, 2021 - *Registration Opens Soon*

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned.

### **2021 Agri-Science Summit** - Online, March 4-7, 2021 - *Registration Opens Soon*

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

For more information visit <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>.

# International Opportunities

## Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Program

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) Program is an exciting cultural exchange and fully funded scholarship opportunity for high school students. The Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) administers CBYX on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. The CIEE is a nonprofit organization with a mission to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world.

The CBYX annually offers 250 young Americans the opportunity to live with a host family and attend high school in Germany for an academic year.

⇒ Academic merit, as well as motivation, curiosity and flexibility are key components to a competitive application.

⇒ Previous German language experience is not required. Participants become fluent in German.

CIEE selects 100 students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds from across 18 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to become CBYX youth ambassadors. Students who are U.S. Citizens born between February 1, 2003 and August 1, 2006 with a GPA of 2.5 or higher are eligible to apply. Please read this [“Quick Facts” sheet](#) that provides additional information about the CBYX program. The online application can be found at

[www.usagermanyscholarship.org](http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org). The application deadline is **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**.

Visit the website [www.ciee.org/cbyx](http://www.ciee.org/cbyx) or email [cb@ciee.org](mailto:cb@ciee.org) for more information.

There will also be an informational webinar on Monday, November 9 at 7 p.m. Eastern. The webinar link is - <https://ciee.zoom.us/j/6940241648>.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

Frontier Family 4-H Club elected its new officers at its September club meeting held at Brookridge Park. The President will be Jennifer who is serving in this role for the second time. "I decided to run for President again because it was a role that I previously really enjoyed" said Jennifer. "I love to watch our club grow and to help them as they do, so that's what I wanted to do and am looking forward to it again in my last year of 4-H."

The executive committee will be made of Vice President Jacob, Secretary Hannah, Treasurer Emma and County Council Rep Lily. "This is my second year in 4-H so I'm very excited to be treasurer, said Emma. "I am excited about learning what all the treasurer does."

This year's voting will be long remembered because the club voted in the dark. The club uses a public park to meet during COVID and stay distanced. With a full agenda, the meeting did not end until after sundown.

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

## Oxford Hustlers Kick Off the New 4-H Year!

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club started the year by receiving a 4-H Proclamation from the Shawnee City Council. Club members and their families participated in a church service at Lenexa United Methodist Church. Every year during 4-H Week, we attend a church service where members volunteer to help with different parts of the service. Both of these activities were different because of COVID-19, but we were honored to be invited. At the October meeting, the new officers participated in Officer Installation. For the 48 Hours of 4-H service project, the club helped with the New Hope Food Bank mobile food pantry. Along with other volunteers, club members helped provide meals for over 190 cars. Even though the 4-H year will not look the same, we had a great kick off to the new year!



# REPORTER'S CORNER

Frontier Family 4-H Club recognized its only graduating Senior, Jennifer by decorating her driveway and giving her a gift. I asked her to share her 4-H experiences through a recent interview.

**Lily: What is your favorite memory in 4-H?**

**Jennifer:** My favorite memories would have to be shooting sports matches. Being able to travel around the state for all the different matches is always a fun time, especially because the whole team is there and in your free time, you get to hang around and play games with them and the other county teams.

**Lily: How did you get into 4-H shooting sports? How did it benefit you?**

**Jennifer:** When I first joined our club, Frontier Family, I was looking at all the different projects to get into and Archery caught my eye. We decided to try the SPIN Club and I ended up making it onto the competitive team, which I've been on for 9 years now. Since then, I've also taken part in BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Small Bore Rifle, and between them all, I've benefited from learning a lot of discipline and self-control.

**Lily: Tell me about your mentors in 4-H?**

**Jennifer:** My mentors in 4-H have all been amazing. Whether they were club leaders or shooting coaches, everyone has encouraged and supported me through all my years in 4-H and I'm very grateful to all of them for everything.

**Lily: What advice would you give to young 4-H'ers?**

**Jennifer:** My main advice to young 4-H'ers would be to join projects and really try to get involved. The projects you join can truly help shape you into a great person and the people and friends you meet through them are sure to be great ones.

**Lily: What do you want to do now that you've graduated?**

**Jennifer:** I'm not sure what career path I'm going to go down, but so far, I've been thinking about family counseling and play therapy. I'm taking a break from school for a year to work more and better figure out and plan for what I'd be best at and enjoy in the long run.

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter



## **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.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Happy Helpers Celebrate National 4H Week

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

National 4-H Week was October 4-11, 2020. The Happy Helpers 4-H Club celebrated with a 4-H window display in the shopping center at the corner of 151st St. and Blackbob Road in Olathe. The club partnered with Newmark Grubb Zimmer for a prominent display throughout the week. The display featured past projects from 4-H'ers in 9 different project areas showing a nice array of the many learning opportunities available in 4-H.

The Happy Helpers also participated in the National 48 Hours of 4-H Service on October 10, 2020. The club chose to volunteer with a project at the location that hosts the monthly club meetings. Members sorted and packaged orders and helped with contactless pickup. The club volunteered for a total of 6.5 hours. Volunteer work and citizenship are essential parts of the 4-H learning experience and a fitting conclusion to the celebration of National 4-H Week.



## The Blue River Wranglers are looking forward to the new 4-H Year!

By Kristen Kohn, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

The Blue River Wranglers started the new 4-H year by introducing the officers for 2020-2021. 4-H parents Dale Staten and Alex Pecenka provided a candle ceremony for induction of new officers. A description of each officer position was read to the new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer as that officer lit a candle to represent their new position in the club. The officers such as historian, reporter, wit and wisdom and safety received a candle as one. The 4-H pledge was repeated by the new officers and they took on their new roles.

After the induction the BRW had their first meeting of the 2020-2021 4-H year. The club donated cleaning supplies to the Stilwell Methodist church who was very happy to receive these supplies.



The new officers did a wonderful job running the meeting, following parliamentary procedures, and helping the club make decisions. Our 2020-2021 officers are: Jonathan (President), Legacy (VP), Mikaela (Secretary), Keaton (Treasurer), Kristen (Reporter), Aubree (Safety), Esmee and Vera (Song Leaders), Wyatt and Hudson (Wit & Wisdom), Cruz and Emily (Recreation), and Henry (Corresponding Secretary).

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## 48 Hours of 4-H Challenge Embraced

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr. is quoted as saying, "Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve." The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council agrees with Dr. King which is why they challenged 4-H club members across the State of Kansas to come together to serve a total of at least 2,000 volunteer service hours during the course of 2 days, October 10-11, 2020. Johnson County 4-H members from the Prairie Moon 4-H Club did their part by selecting state and local parks, lakes, and streams to clean up in socially distanced, yet effective manners. Three 4-H members, along with their 4-H adult leader parents, and 2 potential new 4-H recruits partnered together to clean up irresponsibly disposed of litter along the shoreline of Hillsdale Lake on October 10. Additionally, two 4-H members along with their adult leader mother, waded into the stream adjacent to the Inclusive Playground at the Shawnee Mission Lake Park to retrieve waste on October 11. While this may not seem to be a big deal to many readers, according to a recent study conducted by Positive Youth Development, "4-H'ers are four times more likely to make contributions to their communities." Thank you 4-H'ers for making a positive difference in our local community. They extend the challenge to you as well, the next time you see a piece of litter along your daily route, stop and pick it up and place it responsibly into a waste receptacle while remembering the wise words of Dr. King: "anybody can serve."



## September 10th Country Hearts 4-H Meeting

By Oliviah Davis, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

Our 4-H meeting was at Michael's house, which is a farmhouse and we could sit outside and social distance. During the meeting, we enjoyed hot apple cider on the cool fall night. Oliviah hosted the judging activity. The judging activity topic was matching the correct dog breed with the picture. After the meeting ended, everyone joined around the campfire and made s'mores.

## November

- 1 - Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
  - Club Financial Audit due
  - Volunteer Renewal Applications due in 4-H Online
- 2 - Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
  - County Council meeting and elections, online
- 4 - General Fair Board Meeting at Fairgrounds
- 6 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 6-8 - Mars Basecamp STEM Summit (pre-registration required)
- 8 - Clovia House Virtual Hospitality Day
- 10 - Club Leader Policy Check-in meeting, online
- 11 - Veterans' Day, office closed
- 12 - Countywide Livestock Program meeting
  - Crops Identification Contest registration due
- 13 - Pen Pal Sign-up Deadline
- 14-22 - Virtual Crops Identification Contest (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Western Heritage Proj. Kickoff, Powder Creek
- 16 - Kansas Volunteer Forum registration due
- 20 - Kansas Volunteer Forum (pre-registration required)
  - Countywide Knitting Group
- 21 - Countywide Coding Series, Session 1 (pre-registration required)
- 21 & 22 - Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- 26-27 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

## December

- 1 - Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program application deadline
- 4 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 7 - County Council Officers meeting, online
- 18 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 25 - Christmas Day, office closed
- 31 - Dog Club Training Registration due

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2021 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2021 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://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](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

# Leader Update

## **2021 Enrollment in New 4-H Online System**

The new 4-H Online system opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. The new website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. We ask that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2020.

New enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted on our 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## **Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers**

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 are completed through 4-H Online. We ask that all current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2020-2021 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile is "Active" they may resume their volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 do not need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## **4-H Club Leader Policy Check-In**

The new Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook was shared with Club Leaders at the Club Leader Meeting on September 30. Now that there has been time to review it, we would like to highlight some aspects of the document for Club Leaders. Please join us via Zoom on November 10, from 6-7 p.m. Details with the Zoom link will be sent closer to the date.

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## **Reminder to Submit Achievement Celebration Pictures or Video**

As clubs celebrate the achievements of their members and volunteers, don't forget to take pictures or record highlights of the celebration. Then send those photos, videos (3-4 minutes total) or a slideshow highlighting the club members by the end of November to the Extension office.

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## **Club Leader Resources Page**

Please take time to review 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/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/). There are also new resources available to support 4-H clubs at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html). If you are looking for something and can't find it, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.