

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent by you to the donor if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, or sold a project in one of the auctions. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs and the Johnson County Fair Board as well. The fair could not happen without all of these amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

## State Fair Entry Drop-off Information

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Thursday, September 1 and Friday, September 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Tuesday, September 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fresh food and plant science entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8-9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or plant science entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries.

Again this year, youth that exhibit in the 4-H division of the state fair will receive two complimentary admission tickets to the Kansas State Fair in place of premiums. Those tickets can be picked up at the Extension office from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**IMPORTANT:** Please read the rules in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/).

To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class: 1) Scroll down the page to find your Department. 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry. 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit.

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

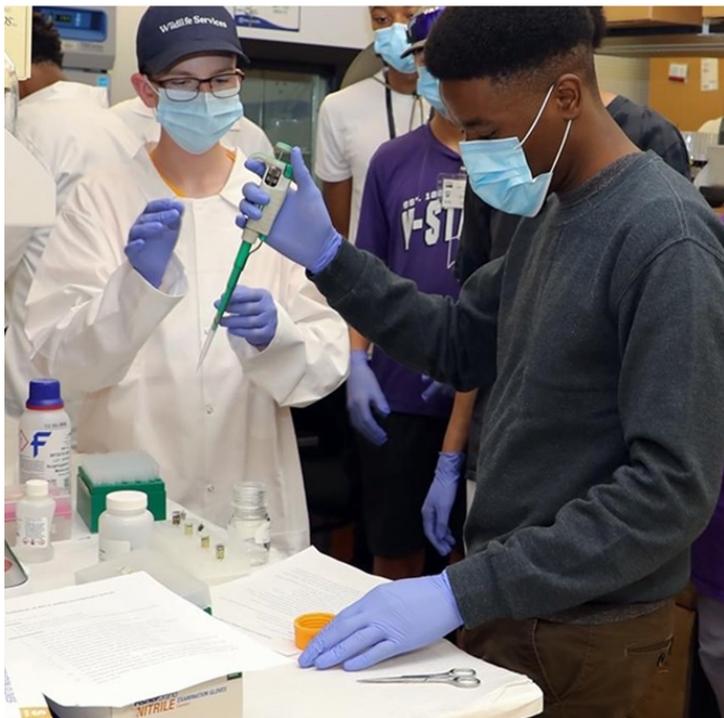
## New Family Orientation

We will be offering New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, for parents of first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions. To register, please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/uT8iTdkRuyk4VfNZ9> by Friday, October 21. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

## Local 4-H'er Attends USDA Summer Ag Program

Hi, my name is Blake LaPeau and I am 16 years old. I will be attending Eudora High School as a Junior this coming fall. I enjoy being part of the 4-H and FFA programs because agriculture is a big part of my everyday life. This summer I was given the very exciting opportunity to attend the USDA/APHIS AgDiscovery residential program at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff.

This experience gave me the opportunity to learn about different parts of agriculture that I didn't even know existed. I got to meet other kids my age from all over the country. From Hawaii to Mississippi, we all had different understandings of what agriculture could look like in our future career paths. I really enjoyed getting to meet other kids from all over the country. I made new friends and got to experience all kinds of interesting jobs. Here are some highlights to my experience.



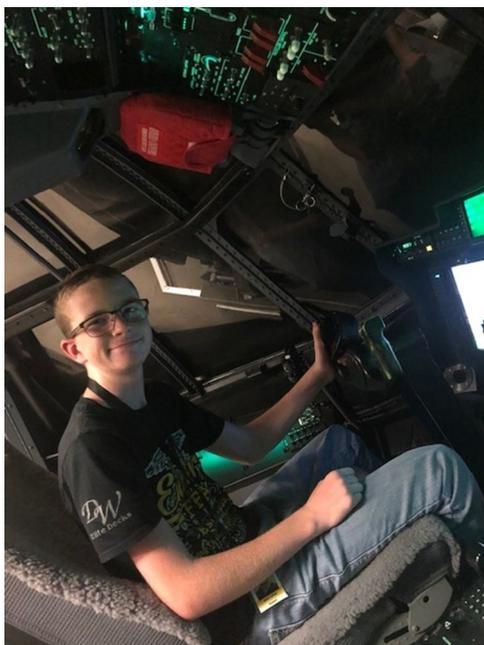
This is a grad student from Africa. He helped lead me in a lab experiment that identifies the DNA of a Sweet Potato. He is a student learning about plant science so he can return home with a degree to help his community with different food production practices.

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We toured the Arkansas State Capital where I was allowed to hold half a million dollars in the State Vault! We saw the Bill Clinton Library and learned about the different roles and responsibilities of the Presidential Cabinet positions.

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Me learning in the flight simulator. Agriculture even plays a part in the US Air Force. We learned about wildlife management around airport runways to make sure our brave service men and women are safe when they land and takeoff. I had so much fun with this experience I think I might want to explore more about wildlife conservation and maybe study for a job like this one day.

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This program was the highlight to my summer (so far) and I would highly encourage other agriculture students to apply for this program next year. When I returned home, I was tired and glad to see my family, friends and animals.

I want to thank everyone who helped support my application (especially those that wrote letters of recommendation and encouraged me to apply). All the well wishes and words of encouragement before I left meant so much to me. I will never forget this experience and I know I would not have had the opportunity if I was not supported by my community.

# Local Opportunities

## **Have you Never Fired a Gun? Would You Like to Try?**

If you've never fired a gun and would like to see what it's like, here's a special opportunity to try. Mill Creek Rifle Club, a private shooting sports club in De Soto that supports the highly popular 4-H Shooting Sports project, has extended a special invitation to 4-H members to attend the club's annual picnic on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 10 a.m. Any 4-H member can come to the picnic and try firing a smallbore (.22 caliber) rifle or muzzleloading rifle at the range under the supervision of trained volunteer instructors.

The club is located at 7215 Gardner Road, De Soto. This non-4-H event is by special invitation of the Mill Creek Rifle Club, which is solely responsible, and is not open to the general public. Participating youth will be supervised at all times by instructors trained and certified in firearm range safety. Guns, ammunition, and targets will be provided. Parents and youth are invited to stay for a picnic lunch served by a local troop of the Boy Scouts of America.

Free of charge and no obligation, this is a great opportunity for 4-H members to try out some of the more advanced firearms used in the 4-H Shooting Sports program and to meet some of the local community members who help support youth marksmanship in Johnson County. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Mike Smith before September 5, at [PublicRelations@MillCreekRC.org](mailto:PublicRelations@MillCreekRC.org).

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## **Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest**

Youth interested in the scientific principles surrounding plant growth can work on their horticulture knowledge by participating in the Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest facilitated by K-State Olathe. The contest challenges teams of four individuals in grades K-12 to grow the largest amounts of spinach, kale and lettuce in the same container, using no more than five-gallons of growing medium over the course of 45 days. Seeds are provided. For more information and to register go to [olathe.k-state.edu/academics/programs-k12/programs/willie-and-the-salad-contest/](http://olathe.k-state.edu/academics/programs-k12/programs/willie-and-the-salad-contest/). Registration is free and required. The last day to register is planting day, September 21, 2022.

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## **Youth Cooking Classes**

Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen are cooking classes held monthly for youth ages 7-12 to learn food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition information. Classes are held at the Extension office on Saturdays with check-in starting at 9:45 a.m., class beginning promptly at 10 a.m., and concluding around 12 p.m. The class on September 24, Simple Suppers, will cover easy to cook meals that are sure to impress your family! The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/).

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## **Officer Training**

Mark your calendars! Officer Training will be held on the evening of Monday, October 3, at the Extension office from 6-8 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. Current 4-H officers are needed to lead training sessions! If you would like to assist, please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa82baafb6-officer1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa82baafb6-officer1). Most officer positions have handouts that the Extension office will provide for the training session. The Extension office can also make copies if you have a handout that you would like to share during your session. The night will also include training on Record Books and Kansas 4-H Project Report Forms (formerly known as a KAP). To end the evening, your 4-H Ambassadors will lead an activity for new club officers to run a mock meeting to gain experience and learn some new tools on parliamentary procedure. In honor of National 4-H Week (October 2-8) which includes community service projects, we will be taking donations for a local non-profit organization. Stay tuned for more information on what items are needed.

# Local Opportunities

## Prepare for End of Year Awards

1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them.
2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
3. Officers should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html). Informational slides from our local training are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).



You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).

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## Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2023 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 the Johnson County 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. Tuesday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

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## Johnson County 4-H Bacon School

Learn the craft of home-curing popular meat products like bacon, ham and corned beef by attending this follow-up to our Johnson County Meat School. Participants will learn-by-doing and along the way come to understand how food science and time-tested techniques assure food safety while creating value-added items consumers love. Sign up at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gYAC6HVMmFOPZDv9vgVQGNDjvoPDsnAXg8NMQfEHI8c/> to join us November 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office.

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## Johnson County Ambassador Advisor Position Opening

Johnson County 4-H is seeking an adult volunteer for the Ambassador Advisor position. The Ambassador Advisor facilitates the selection, training and leadership of 4-H Ambassadors and helps to promote 4-H and Extension youth programs in the county. This volunteer role should be a two-year term, might require 4-10 hours of work per month, and requires enthusiasm for 4-H youth, specifically teens. This person must also complete the Johnson County 4-H volunteer screening process. If you, or someone you know is interested (does not need to currently be involved in 4-H), please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000 or [joco4-h@jocogov.org](mailto:joco4-h@jocogov.org).

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## Taste Testers Wanted

Get paid to share your opinions about foods, pet products and personal care items! K-State Olathe Sensory & Consumer Research Center is recruiting adults to join their database of consumers. There are often tests for kids so parents are needed too. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/K-StateSensory>.



# County Project Opportunities

## **Shooting Sports Project: Air Pistol SPIN Club**

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory air pistol class. Join us to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on providing an introduction to the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets and other equipment will be provided; however, participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2023).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in smallbore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

Air pistol SPIN Club will meet on the following evenings: October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. Registration will open September 6, 2022. The link to register will be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events). Participants will be required to turn in a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at [sseccles@gmail.com](mailto:sseccles@gmail.com) or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

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## **Countywide Sewing Project**

The Johnson County 4-H sewing project is open to new sewers, youth that have sewn previously, and even experienced sewers with great skills! Youth will learn all the basics, brush up on current skills, and get ready for the fair. Meetings are held at the Extension office on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The first meeting for the 2022-2023 4-H year will be held on October 5, 2022. Contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or 913-302-5812.

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## **Countywide Knitting Project**

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Contact Sarah at [skallansrud@yahoo.com](mailto:skallansrud@yahoo.com) to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

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## **Project Videos Available**

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are 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.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be October 5-16.

**Eastern Region Leadership Forum** will be October 8 at Rock Springs Ranch.

**Central Region Leadership Forum** will be October 22 in Salina.

**Western Region Leadership Forum** will be November 5 in Scott City.

**Kansas Youth Leadership Forum** will be November 19-20 at Rock Springs Ranch.

# County Project Opportunities

## Get Ready Now for 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle Projects Coming in October!

### **Here's how to join this popular project-**

Johnson County 4-H's popular BB Gun and Air Rifle programs return for the season starting in October. The program's objectives are to introduce youth and their parents to safe and responsible use of firearms; to promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior; to acquaint youth and their parents with fundamentals of competitive air-gun shooting; and to foster shooting as a fun, family recreation.

Start planning now to join us for the October-to-April season. Here's how.

### **If you have already participated as part of the competitive squad in years past:**

- 1) Re-enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment year opens on October 1, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. **You must be officially enrolled** in 4-H before you may attend any meeting that involves live shooting.
- 2) Send an email to [RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com](mailto:RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com) and let us know you plan to return this year and which discipline(s) you plan to participate in.
- 3) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar, at [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com) for updates on scheduled practice dates and times as we approach October.

### **If you have not participated as part of the competitive squad in years past:**

- 1) Be aware of the following requirements particular to the Shooting Sports program:
  - a) BB Gun is open to youth between age 9 and 15 before Jan. 1, 2023.
  - b) Air Rifle is open to youth aged 12 to 18 before Jan. 1, 2023, who have successfully completed at least one season of the BB gun program.
  - c) Successful completion of at least one season of the Air Rifle program is a required prerequisite for participation in the advanced shooting disciplines of smallbore rifle (.22 caliber) and muzzloading rifle, which will begin in the summer of 2023.
- 2) Plan to attend the initial introduction to 4-H BB-Gun safety classes scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. October 11, 18, and 25. Participation in these three classes is **required** in order to be considered for invitation to participate in competitive match season shooting with the Johnson County 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle squads. Participation in 4-H Shooting Sports with the competitive squad is by invitation only. Invitations will be extended by the 4-H instructors based on student performance in the introductory class and available resources.
- 3) As soon as possible, send an email to [RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com](mailto:RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com) to introduce yourself and let us know you plan to participate.
- 4) Enroll in 4-H as soon as the new enrollment year opens on October 1, at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Be sure to enroll in the BB Gun and Air Rifle projects as appropriate to your participation plans. **You must be enrolled in 4-H** to attend any meeting at which live shooting takes place. Enroll as soon after October 1 as possible, as your enrollment must be accepted by Johnson County K-State Research and Extension before your enrollment is official. You will only be permitted to shoot at any of the safety classes if you can demonstrate your enrollment is official—no exceptions will be permitted.
- 5) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar, at [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com) for updates on scheduled dates, times, and locations for the introductory safety class and regular practices as we approach October.

### **About the project-**

The 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle projects are administered under the K-State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development program and operated by a team of adult volunteers who are experienced in shooting and youth instruction, who have been recommended and background-screened by the county Extension office, and who have received mandatory intensive training and state-level certification in the rifle shooting discipline and in youth development training techniques.

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# County Project Opportunities

## **BB Gun and Air Rifle Projects** (continued from page 6)

The competitive squad portion of the project consists of a combination of live-fire shooting instruction and classroom lecture covering general gun knowledge, proper gun handling, and procedures for participating in airgun competitions. The BB-Gun program is open to beginners and assumes no previous shooting experience or training. The competitive season lasts from October until the state 4-H championship in early April, and it includes weekly practice meetings and participation in about six competitions throughout eastern Kansas during the winter.

You do not have to own your own equipment to participate. The 4-H Rifle Club has sufficient safe and proper equipment to outfit most youth who are interested in participating.

**Questions?** E-mail [rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com](mailto:rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com).

# State Opportunities

## **Apply for Two Leadership Roles**

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council, as a Youth Leadership Council Representative or a National 4-H Council Delegate. The same application process is used for both opportunities with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both roles. Applications are due October 1, 2022.

### **National 4-H Conference**

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2023. For more information visit [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/).

### **Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council**

Youth may also run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council applicants must be ages 14-18 before January 1, 2023. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, 48 Hours of 4-H, and other events. For more information visit [www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/).

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## **48 Hours of 4-H**



Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 8-9, 2022. Check out the 484H website at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/) for more information and to register your project.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Johnson County 4-H Unites the Prairie

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Recently the Prairie Moon 4-H Club from Spring Hill combined forces with the Gardner-based Prairie Star 4-H Club for the betterment of Southern Johnson County. They held their monthly meetings in tandem while strategizing about how they could collaborate on an “in town” gardening project based on the Johnson County Fair Grounds. Both clubs also presented project talks in preparation for the upcoming Johnson County Fair. The fair will be held at the Johnson County Fair Grounds in Gardner from July 31 through August 6, 2022. Members from both the Prairie Moon and the Prairie Star 4-H Clubs look forward to sharing our projects with you there.



Members of the Prairie Moon and the Prairie Star 4-H Clubs Unite for Johnson County

On June 27th the Joco Dog Club held a fundraiser at the Olathe Culver's. Everyone had a great time, especially the dogs, who got to enjoy complimentary Pup Cups! The dogs wore 4th of July outfits to celebrate the upcoming holiday.

By Alyssa Coultis, Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Reporter



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Party Like It's Summer 2022

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

What do a game of spoons, pizza, s'mores, Uno, Monopoly, Twister, horseshoes, ladder toss, corn-hole, and bubbles all have in common? If you guessed an electronics-free night you guessed correctly. If you guessed a 4-H lock-in at the Morning Grange building to celebrate the end of the school year, then you also guessed correctly. Recently 22 members of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club shared an all-nighter to ring in the beginning of summer, old school style. While not all participants lasted without catching a few *zzzzzz*'s, many did, and all without the aid of any electronic devices. It was an exciting way to get the much-needed season of relaxation underway.



22 Prairie Moon 4-H members rang in the unofficial start of summer with a lock-in.



Dinner among friends always tastes better!

The Morning Glory 4-H Club spent time doing community service at Harvesters recently. They stocked, packed and organized items at the food pantry. They also enjoyed a pool night at Spring Hill Aquatic Center to cool off after a hot, summer day of working on fair projects.

By Jackson Hogan, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Think Fast!

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Think fast! What's the first word that comes to your mind when you hear 4H? If you are like many people, the first word that came to your mind was farmer, or animals, or perhaps clover, maybe even fair. But if you have ever been fortunate to have been part of a 4H club at some point throughout your life, your first word to describe 4H might be a little different. Recently I conducted an unscientific poll and of the fifty-six responses that I received I quickly noticed a trend. The people who hadn't been part of a 4H club responded in the ways that I mentioned earlier, but those of us who have been in 4H first thought of words like leadership, learning, community, growth, teamwork, and resoundingly family. So, next time you are walking around the fairgrounds, or you are listening to a project talk, or you overhear a club member talk about something that he/she has poured his/her head, hands, heart, and health into please envision how that member may have learned or collaborated or grown during that process and by doing so you just might experience a tiny piece of what 4H means to me.

## Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

Saddle up, because fair is right around the corner! We are excited to participate in this year's events as well as help out at the food stand. We are ready to shine in the Horse events so come support all the riders. We are so excited and we hope you are too!



## 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.

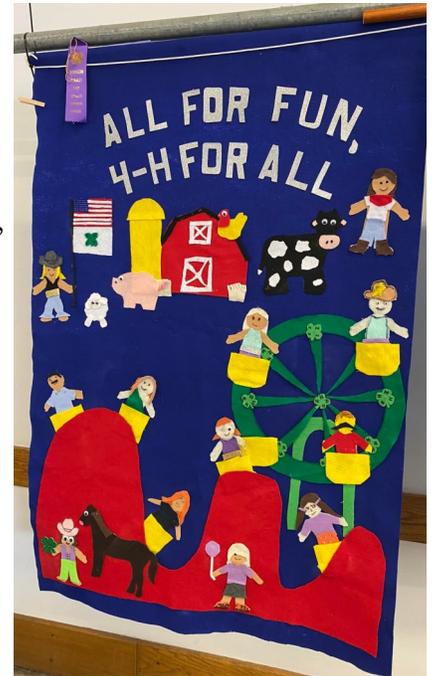
# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Oxford Hustlers Represent at County Fair

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The 2022 Johnson County Fair was an impressive show of time, talent and growth for the Oxford Hustlers club. Kicking off fair week with set-up on July 30 at the fairgrounds, 15 club members submitted dozens of fair entries in an array of 13 categories, including ceramics, food & nutrition, geology, leather crafts, rocketry, fiber arts, fashion revue, clothing, general banners and public presentations.

The club's fair banner, featuring an original design for "Carnival Lights & Country Nights" theme, earned a purple ribbon. And our very own 2020-2021 club president, Fern S., was named Miss 4-H runner-up. After running the food stand Saturday evening and clean-up on Sunday morning to complete participation in the 2022 fair, the club looks forward to celebrating together later this month at their annual summer party.



### **This month's joke:**

Q: What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?

A: Geometry

## Happy Helpers at the County Fair

By Nathan A. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4H Club had an excellent year at the Johnson County Fair. Every member of the club participated with entries in a variety of different projects. The members were proud to showcase their projects as well as thankful for constructive criticism during interview judging. The club earned 6 red ribbons, 22 blue ribbons, and 51 purple ribbons. The entire club worked on the



club banner and were proud to have earned a purple ribbon on something they made together. The Happy Helpers club also earned 6 Reserve Champions, 19 Champions, a Special Award, 4 Grand Champions, and 3 Reserve Grand Champions. Other highlights of the County Fair for the Happy Helpers 4H Club were the opportunity to work the 4H Food Stand together on Thursday afternoon and a club tour of the many projects on display. The club had a great year at the County Fair and is looking forward to representing Johnson County at the State Fair in September.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

This year at the fair everyone did amazing jobs at showing their horses, they made so much progress in their journeys as Horse Club 4-H'ers. Thanks to everyone for participating in the speed events and show events, you truly made the fair a much better experience. We had quite a few participants this year: Vivy Jo S., Scarlett S., Mia D., Adi S., Sierra M., and Kayla B. Avery M. crowned our new Rodeo Queen of 2022, Peyton W., and Zoey Y., our new Rodeo Princess of 2022. Here's to the next Johnson County Fair.



Vivy Jo



Scarlett



Mia



Adi



Sierra



Kayla



Avery & Zoey



Peyton

## September

- 1-2 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office
- 4 - Mill Creek Rifle Club Picnic RSVPs due
- 5 - Labor Day, office closed
- 6 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office
  - Air Pistol SPIN Club registration opens
  - County Council meeting
- 7 - Kansas State Fair Food & Plant Science entry morning Drop-off at office (8-9 a.m.)
- 9-18 - Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 10 - Mill Creek Rifle Club Picnic (pre-registration required)
- 21 - Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest registrations due
- 24 - Kids in the Kitchen cooking class (pre-registration required)

## October

- 1 - New 4-H Year begins!
  - Club Organization Report due to office
  - National 4-H Conference applications due
  - Kansas 4-H Youth Council applications due
- 2-8 - National 4-H Week
- 3 - Officer Training
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5-16 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 8-9 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 11 - Record Book Judging
  - Intro to 4-H BB Gun safety class (pre-registration required)
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 13 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
- 18 - Intro to 4-H BB Gun safety class (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
- 21 - New Family Orientation registration due
- 25 - New Family Orientation (pre-registration required)
  - Intro to 4-H BB Gun safety class (pre-registration required)
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2022 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 2022 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

## Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

### **Club Leader Resource Page**

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year 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/). Resources include:

**Annual Financial Report** - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Links to the report form and Financial Review Committee Responsibilities document are posted on the Club Leader Resource page.

**Club Seal Requirements** - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2021-2022 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience.

**Club Organization Report** - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2022. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2022-2023 4-H year.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/).

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## Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

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## Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Tuesday, November 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. Please have at least one club leader attend the meeting. Contact Jessica with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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## 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 a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.

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