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Spreading Christmas Joy!

By: Nathan Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club committed to spreading joy to the Johnson County community during the Christmas season. The club rang bells at a Salvation Army kettle outside Oak Park Mall on Monday, November 24th. Almost all of the club members and families were able to participate. The money collected will go to help people in our community with food insecurity, housing instability, and recovery programs.

During the month of December, the club filled and delivered Christmas goodie baskets and cards from throughout the community. These baskets served as a thank you to the many men and women that serve the community.



One shift ringing bells!



Goodie baskets and cards delivered by the club!



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Dog Club Christmas Party

By: Brooklyn Walters, Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Reporter



We had our annual Christmas party/gift exchange at our business meeting last month. After the meeting we enjoyed a soup potluck dinner. Each 4-H'er brought a dog themed present and we did a gift exchange. For the gift exchange we sat in a circle and one of the parent leaders read a story. Whenever the word "right" was said in the story we passed our gifts right. Whenever the word "left" was said in the story we all passed the gifts left. At the end of the story whatever gift was in front of you was the one you got. There were lots of dog treats, games and candy. We had so much fun.

Serving and Socializing in December

By: Nora Holt Bustamante, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Hello 4-H'ers, have I got a report for you today! I am Nora Bustamante, reporter for the Oxford Hustler's 4-H Club. This news report is all about holiday club activities, first a phenomenal movie night, then epic bell ringing and finally a cookie and gift exchange!

This reporter thought the most fun was the cookie and gift exchange. This was the entire club spending quality time together for the holidays. It took place at our regular monthly meeting at the Lenexa United Methodist church. Our recreation leader, Michael, set us up with all the rules for our exchanges. Each club member brought 2 dozen cookies. Each adult and each kid brought a wrapped gift. Then, the fun began. Woohoo! Examples of gifts included a faces sticker book and a gigantic M&Ms packet. We sat in a big circle, just the kids, drew numbers and opened our gifts. I got a Minecraft cowboy town Lego set, amazing! Everyone went home with a yummy plate of cookies and an awesome gift.

Our Social committee organized a phenomenally fun movie night. While there, they had snacks that included Cheetos,



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popcorn and trail mix. Some members wore their PJs! They curled up in blankets and watched the movie Elf.



Finally, our Service committee organized for our club to be Salvation Army Bell Ringers. Club members signed up for time slots filling two Saturdays in December. 4-H'ers and their families greeted shoppers at the Lenexa Hy-Vee along with Holiday tunes and wearing red aprons. Wendy, a parent, said “bell ringing was fun and donations plentiful!”

Stay tuned, the winter fun doesn't end here, the social committee has Ice Skating coming up next for the Oxford Hustler's and I, Nora Bustamante will be on site bringing you a report.

