

Reporter's Corner

Celebrating at the County Fair

By Nathan Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

Members of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club and their families gathered to celebrate each other's achievements during a Club Tour on Thursday, July 30th at the 2026 Johnson County Fair. Club members submitted a wide variety of projects including: Art, Ceramics, Crafts, Entomology, Fiber Arts, Foods & Nutrition, Geology, Horticulture, Leather Craft, Photography, Poultry, Sewing & Textile Design, STEM, Table Setting, Visual Arts, and Woodworking among others. Members also participated in Shooting Sports, Fashion Revue, and Public Presentations. A highlight for the club was winning Champion for the Club Banner that the members had all worked on together.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club is proud of the skills learned and projects made this year. The club is looking forward to representing Johnson County at the Kansas State Fair in September.



Happy Helpers 4-H Club with their Club Banner 2026

June 4-H Report

By: Bennie Schneider, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

June was a fun and busy month for our Morning Glory 4-H club! We had our Club Days, where we got to make some fun things like soap and custom picture frames. We also played games and had a lot of fun together. We also had our monthly club meeting. We talked about important fair deadlines and listened to a duo speech from Joseph and Evelyn about running in the heat. We ended our meeting with a fun game led by our recreation leader, Joseph. It was a great month, and I'm excited for the fair!



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Oxford Hustlers Enjoy the 2026 Johnson County Fair

By: Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club

The 2026 Johnson County Fair was an exciting event for the members of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club. Club members helped set up the Green building for the 4-H project judging ahead of the fair. Nearly all of our members entered a project this year, which everyone enjoyed seeing during the club project tour. As a club, the Oxford Hustlers entered a banner titled "Step Inside with the Oxford Hustlers", for which we received a blue. One of the highlights of the week was participating in the Johnson County Fair Parade with a circus themed float featuring a very large inflatable elephant and club members dressed as circus characters. One of our members, Victoria O., received the title of Miss 4-H 2026! Finally, at the end of fair week everyone enjoyed working at the 4-H Food Stand, making food and memories. All in all this was a great fair for the Oxford Hustlers and everyone is excited for next year.



Pool Party

By: Kate Harvey, Oxford Hustlers 2nd Vice President

The Oxford Hustlers had their annual end of summer pool party on Sunday, August 9. It was held at the Black Swan Lake & Pool. There was a good turnout of families and everyone who attended



had a fun time. The weather was great! We swam in the pool, floated in the lake, and jumped off the diving boards. We even fed the catfish and turtles! We also enjoyed a potluck dinner. This is always a great celebration for the end of the fair and we look forward to next year.

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Oxford Hustlers Visit Mahaffie Farm

By: Stella Bowles, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club

The educational tour was at Mahaffie Farm which is located in East Kansas City, Olathe. Mahaffie is a forty acre homestead previously owned by the Mahaffie family. It was a stage coach stop on the Sante Fe Trail and a farm. The property was purchased in 1858, and the house was completed 1865. The people who attended were Stella B., Paige B., Cora M., Victoria O., and Kate H. We visited the Museum on July 10. When we visited, the first thing we did was ride the coach. It was bumpy, but a whole lot of fun. We went through the house and learned about toys, cooking, and what was expected of children from that era. We learned that they remodeled their house so that the people wouldn't walk through the house and that it would be less dusty inside. The blacksmith



shop taught us how they made horse shoes and how they made wagon wheels. We went through the garden and their orchard and learned about the plants they grew. The garden was next to a little house where we did laundry the old fashioned way. We also went through the little underground storage where there was a taxidermy turkey next to the butcher's shed. We went through the barn and saw the different horses, mules, coaches, and we saw a duckling. We also looked at a chart and saw if we were as tall as a donkey, a mule, or a horse. Victoria told us about what she learned about cooking on chuck wagons. We had a whole lot of fun at Mahaffie farms.

Everyone who attended standing in the garden.