



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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2011 Club Day

Club Day is scheduled for February 19 at the Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their public speaking, dancing, musical and parliamentary procedure skills. For more information and registration materials visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubday.

New in 2011: All registration for County Club Day will be processed electronically. Online payment is also available. Check out the website for step-by-step directions for individual and group registrations and payment.

4-H families without internet access are invited to stop by the Extension office to complete their registration. We have a computer available for families to use to complete their registration. Please call Pat Geier at 913-715-7000 to schedule a time to use the computer. **Registration and payment is due by February 1.**

K-State Youth Livestock Opportunities

K-State will be hosting two youth livestock producer Saturday events this spring:

March 12, 2011 Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day
(Deadline for early registration is March 1, 2011)

March 26, 2011 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
(Deadline for early registration is March 14, 2011)

Additional information and registration forms are available at the K-State Youth Livestock website; www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action registration is now open! This two day event sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council, will be held Sunday, February 20 through Monday, February 21, 2011 at the State Capitol in Topeka. All youth 13-19 years old are eligible to attend. The registration fee of \$130 includes lodging, a Sunday night banquet and lunch on Monday. Please share this information with all youth. Participation is not restricted to 4-H members.

Citizenship in Action allows youth to have a hands-on approach in learning about their government. Activities include workshops, tours of the Capitol, opportunities to visit with your legislator, and a mock legislative session in the House and Senate Chambers. A complete schedule can be found on-line at <http://www.Kansas4-H.org>

Registration is open online at: <http://www.Kansas4-H.org/Register> until January 15.

LIVESTOCK PROJECTS UPDATE:

2011 Johnson County 4-H Livestock Weigh-In, Show and Clinic Dates

The livestock weigh-in and show dates have been established with an educational clinic to be included as part of each show day. We look forward to working with all Johnson County 4-H youth in 2011!

Beef Weigh-In and Tagging: April 1, 6-8 p.m. or April 2, 7-9 a.m.

Beef Clinic: April 2 - 9:30 a.m.

Beef Show: April 2 - 11:00 a.m. (weigh-in from 7-9 a.m. only), Showmanship first

Sheep Weigh-In and Tagging: May 13, 6-8 p.m. or May 14, 7-9 a.m.

Sheep Clinic: May 14 - 9:30 a.m.

Sheep Show: May 14 - 11 a.m. (weigh-in from 7-9 a.m. only), Showmanship first

Goat Weigh-In and Tagging: May 13, 6-8 p.m. or May 14, 7-9 a.m.

Goat Clinic: May 14 - Immediately after the Sheep Show concludes (afternoon)

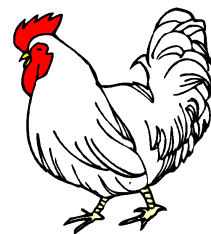
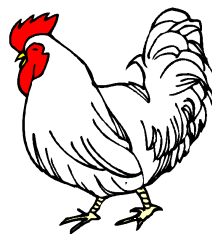
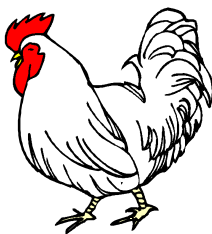
Goat Show: May 14 - Immediately after the Goat Clinic (approximately 45 minutes)

Swine Weigh-In and Tagging: May 27, 6-8 p.m. or May 28, 7-9 a.m.

Swine Clinic: May 28 - 9:30 a.m.

Swine Show: May 28 - 1 a.m. (weigh-in from 7-9 a.m. only), Showmanship first

4-H Livestock Lock-In: April 8-9. Sign up for a fun-filled evening learning about animal husbandry topics and meeting fellow livestock 4-H'ers!



Poultry Clinic Dates:

There will be three clinics on the topic of poultry projects this spring! Mark your calendar for the following informational Saturday session **February 5, 10-11:30 a.m.** at the Extension office. The two additional clinics are tentatively set for April 9 and May 28 at the fairgrounds.

Attn: Livestock Project Members..Stay Connected!

In an effort to increase communication with our state's 4-H youth livestock families, Chelsea Tomascik, Extension Assistant/Youth Livestock Coordinator has established two social media venues to link to:

Twitter at: www.twitter.com/KS_YLP and Facebook at: K-State Youth Livestock Program

Livestock information will continue to be posted on the Youth Livestock Webpage

(www.youthlivestock.KSU.edu) as well as passed on through our county Clover Clips.

The Johnson County 4-H Livestock Project Club has developed social media links for all to join. Be part of the county experience by linking to:

Website: www.4-HLivestock.com

Twitter feed: <http://twitter.com/#!/4hlivestock>

Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/4-H-Livestock/140464799333253>

Thank you Mike Smith for creating these resources!

Douglas County Annual Beginning Youth Judging Expo – January 8

Douglas County is having its annual beginning youth livestock judging expo this year on Saturday, January 8 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. This event is focused on teaching the basic skills of evaluating livestock and oral reasons. This event is a great opportunity for all youth, not just beginners. This event is based on education, not competition. For more information contact Mark Seeley or Douglas County 4-H Agent, Mark Flory at mflory@ksu.edu

Wichita Garden Show

The annual 4-H Photography Extravaganza will be March 4-5 at the Wichita Garden Show. The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be March 5. With the recent staff changes, there will be some changes in the Judging Contests entry procedure. These changes will be announced soon. Contest Registrations will be due mid-February.

Some general Information is available on Wichita Garden Show web site: <http://www.wichitagardenshow.com/photography.html> The overall schedule will remain much the same as in the past. Friday evening, March 4, photography workshops and after hours photo shoot. Saturday morning, March 5, Horticulture Judging Contest, Photography Judging Contest, and Saturday afternoon, presentation of results and awards. Save the dates, let everyone know and plan to be there March 4-5, 2011.

Entomology Boxes

Two Entomology boxes have been donated to the Extension office. If someone would like to have these for their project, contact the office, 715-7000. They will be given out on a first-come, first serve basis.

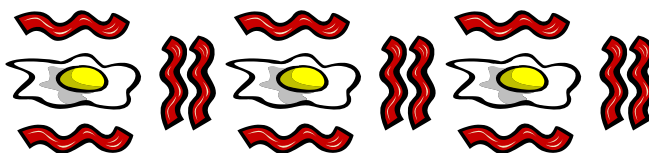


AK-SAR-BEN 2011, September 22-25

A reminder that the 2011 Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show is again requiring that all market beef must be DNA indentified before April 1 in addition to having a beginning weight on file. Other key dates are June 15 - Market Swine, Meat Goat, Market Lamb and Feeder Calf DNA due, July 1 - Broiler Orders/ Entries Due, August 12 - Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due. For more information contact the Ak-Sar-Ben office at; 402-554-9600 x111 or email farnstromc@aksarben.org

Shotgun Shooting Sports

The first of three seminars for the shotgun shooting sports project will be held at Bass Pro Shops, Inc. 2nd floor meeting room on Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend these safety sessions. However, 4-H'ers ages 12 and above will be able to participate in the shotgun shooting program in 2011.



Food Fare

The 2011 Food Fare is scheduled for January 29 at the Extension Office starting at 9 am. This year's theme is Breakfast. Admission is free and open to everyone age 7-18. However, everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for Gator Aid.

We will again offer the opportunity for 4-H'ers to bring 1 or 2 PERISHABLE BREAKFAST items to be judged. Some examples would be crepes, breakfast casserole, biscuits & gravy, fruit salad, smoothies, etc. These items should NOT be the same as items you bring to the county fair in August. Registration forms for judging must be submitted by January 14 and will include the recipe that you are bringing. Registration forms can be found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. You will then be notified of your judging time.

4-H'ers will be able to visit hands-on stations in the morning and will be come and go to accommodate for judging times. Stations include egg dishes, waffles, pancakes, crepes, fruits, meats, table setting and granola. There will be two afternoon demonstration sessions on egg dishes and breads.

Additional adult and teen 4-H'ers are still needed to help. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com. For questions, contact Cathy O'Rourke at cmjilka@aol.com or Nichole Burnett at nburnett@ksu.edu or 715-7000.

- January**
 8 - Douglas County Judging Expo
 15 - Shotgun Shooting Sports
 15 - Citizenship in Action online registration deadline
 29- Food Fare
- February**
 1 - Club Day Registrations due
 5 - Poultry Clinic
 19- County Club Day
 20-21 - Citizenship in Action
- March**
 4-5 - Wichita Garden Show
 12 - Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day
 26 - Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- April**
 1 - Beef Weigh-in and tagging, 6-8 p.m.
 2 - Spring Beef Show

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Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

Check out Johnson County 4-H on Facebook. Search for Johnson County Kansas 4-H on Facebook and ‘like’ our page. This page will be used as a tool to keep our 4-H families informed up upcoming opportunities and deadlines.

County Council Update

The Johnson County 4-H County Council meeting was held on November 1, 2010 at the Johnson County Extension Office.

County 4-H Agent Kaitlyn Peine encouraged the clubs to fill a cooler with goodies to auction at the 4-H Foundation Dinner, which will be held on November 13. She also announced that there was an opportunity to attend 4-H Day with the K-State Lady Wildcats, to be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan. Tickets for 4-H families are \$16 per person. Forms are available online at the Johnson County 4-H website and **must** be turned in to the **Geary County** office by December 13.

Before the meeting, candidate positions for the Council reporter and Historian positions were filled. During the New Business portion of the meeting, following the financial summary, officer elections were held. The new slate of officers is Taylor Harrison-President, Elena Burg-Vice President, Julia Wade-Secretary, Brennan Mense- reporter, Josh Wilson-Treasurer, Rachel Chall-Historian, and the outgoing Council President, Marin Willis-Corresponding Secretary.

Also during new business, the Council voted to donate \$250 to Aldersgate United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities for Style Revue judging. In addition, the Council voted to give a \$50 gift card to the Hanson family. Following the adjournment of the meeting, Committee sign-ups commenced. By Brennan Mense