



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families

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4-H Families

It's hard to believe summer is just around the corner! With summer comes two months packed full of camp, fun and county fair. Within this issue of Clover Clips you will find our fair edition. Print this section off and review the articles as you begin to prepare for the county fair. There are still a couple of details that are being worked out and will be available in June's Clover Clips.

I'm looking forward to seeing you this summer!

--Kaitlyn

SHOOTING SPORTS SUCCESS

On April 14 nine Shooters from Johnson County participated in the 2012 State 4-H Shooting Sports Match held in Alma, Kansas. This match was attended by over 330 shooters from across our state. Attendees were Kyleigh Haun, Chase Eccles, Ethan Eccles, Ryan Savage, Daniel Smith, Kenton Smith, Ethan Wheeler, Brenna Zimmerman, Bryce Zimmerman. All had to have shot a state qualifying score at a previous match to be eligible to compete at this event. Kyleigh Haun took overall 1st place in the Prone position with her 99 point target. Kyleigh also took 5th place in both the Kneeling position and total Aggregate score for her age group. Kenton Smith took 3rd in the Prone position shooting 10 meter air rifle. Everyone did an outstanding job and we are proud of our kids to be able to represent Johnson County at a match of this level. Congratulations!

Looking for Day Camp Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to pay it forward? Each summer the Johnson County 4-H Youth Development program offers several day camp opportunities. We would not be able to facilitate these programs without the leadership of our teen leaders. We are seeking outgoing teen leaders ages 13 and older to volunteer for our day camps. To volunteer visit <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?>



Spring Livestock Shows

Registration and additional information for all shows can be found at <http://johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883> . Mail check and entry for all shows to Denise King, 32415 W. 95th St De Soto, Kansas 66018. All checks can be made out to Johnson County Livestock Club.

Spring Goat Show- Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due April 27. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 11 at the fairgrounds.

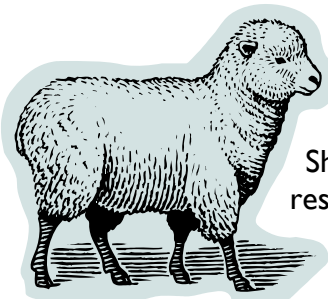
Spring Sheep Show- Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. (or 30 minutes after conclusion of the goat show). Pre-registration is due April 27. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 11 at the fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show- Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is due May 18. Weigh-in and tagging for Johnson County 4-H'ers not exhibiting in the spring show will be available from 6-8 pm on Friday, June 1 at the fairgrounds.

Tagging and Weigh In

Tagging and weigh-in will be available for those not showing in the spring livestock shows the Friday evening prior to each show. Those not showing in the spring show are encouraged to weigh and tag the Friday before the shows. 4-H'ers exhibiting in the spring shows will weigh and tag the morning of their respective show. There will be a \$3 fee for each tag. Cash and checks will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Johnson County Extension Council.

Bucket Calf tagging will be available from 6-8 pm on June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.



NEW in 2012- the tagging deadlines to be eligible to exhibit in the county fair are aligned with the nomination deadlines for the Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Sheep, goats and swine must be tagged by June 15. Any 4-H'er who tags after their respective spring show will be required to bring their animal(s) to the Johnson County Extension office. 4-H'ers not weighing in at their spring show will not be eligible to compete in Rate of Gain at the county fair. Either the exhibitor or parent will be responsible for tagging the animal(s) under the supervision of an Extension agent. An appointment is required. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For appointments contact Kaitlyn Peine or Rick Miller.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ARCHERY PRACTICE



Now that spring matches are over, we are now concentrating on getting shooters ready for summer qualifiers and the state match that will be held in early October, near Topeka. Archery practices are now meeting every Wednesday evening. If you haven't been to a practice in a while, come in and perfect your shooting form in preparation for the summer season. If you are enrolled in archery and haven't shot with us yet, stop in and check us out, or join us! Our instructors can get you ready to shoot. We will again co-host an archery qualifier match this year in late August, west of Olathe. We hope to add in a fun Hunting Skills competition.

Weather permitting, we should start shooting outside soon. We are currently meeting in the Green Building at the Fairgrounds. However, we are working on other arrangements for places to hold practices. Please continue to check our Google calendar at www.4-hshootingsports.com for the latest information. Click on Archery Club in the upper left, then toggle through the months. Visiting this calendar is a great way to keep current and to become aware of any practice changes.

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

The Johnson County 4-H Program is fortunate to offer two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors each year. 2012 High school graduates and recent alumni who have graduated from high school within the past four years are also eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by June 1. Recipients will be announced at the Livestock and Project Auction during the senior recognition on Saturday, August 11. For a complete list of the guidelines and the application visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

Project Enrollment

Project enrollment as of May 1, 2012 is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. There are multiple versions of the report sorted by either Club Name, Last Name of 4-H'er or Project Name. The deadline for adding projects was May 1. New and returning 4-H members are required to be enrolled in the appropriate projects in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair. A list of the departments within the 4-H division of the fair and a list of corresponding projects is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. Please double check the list for accuracy. 4-H'ers who notice an error and have proper documentation (either by the add/drop form or the back of the enrollment form) should contact Pat Geier at pat.geier@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000.

IT'S RODEO ROYALTY TIME!!



The 4H Horse Club is excited to announce that they re-organized and will be sponsoring the Rodeo Queen and Princess Competition for Fair 2012. This opportunity is open county wide. Interested 4H'ers should email their NAME, PHONE NUMBER and CLUB NAME to jocorodeo2012@yahoo.com. They will receive the program information, calendar of events and application.

Applications are due Friday June 1 via email, Presentations will be Thursday June 21 beginning at 6 p.m. and the Pattern riding will be Saturday July 14. Queen and princess will be announced at Coronation.

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club is hosting several horse shows this spring and summer. For a list of the show dates, the show bill and additional details visit johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=883http://www.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2012 4-H calendar.

May

12 - Spring Goat and Sheep Show

June

1 - Scholarship application for graduating Seniors due

Rodeo Queen/Princess applications due

Scarecrow kit orders due

Tagging Bucket Calves

2 - Spring Swine Show

15 - Sheep, Goats and Swine must be tagged

30 - Livestock t-shirt orders due to Sue Pio

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'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.



Join 4-H Yard Signs

Join 4-H Yard Signs are available for purchase. Consider buying one for your own front yard or your business. Signs are \$10 a piece. The signs are made of durable plastic and come with a wire base. Stop by the office today to purchase your sign!



Fair News Flash

A newsletter for 4-H'ers participating in the Johnson County Fair 4-H Division.

2012 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2012 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at <http://jocokansasfair.com/Fair%20Book.htm>. The Johnson County Fair Board has graciously decided to provide each 4-H family with a hard copy of the fair book free of charge. Fair books will be distributed through club leaders this summer.

County Fair Entries

4-H online entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due August 1. All paper entries will be due on July 15. **All entries for home environment, fiber arts and clothing construction, fashion revue and dog show will also be due on July 15. ****New in 2012: all dog show entries will be due on July 15.**** Late entries will not be accepted. If a 4-H'er does not meet the August 1 deadline for online entries they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a stall request by July 15. All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the August 1 deadline. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H'ers name who is exhibiting the animal by August 1.

Online entries will be available on June 1 at <http://jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html>. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation. On step 5 you should find an option to print a detailed receipt. If on step 5 you have the box checked to send an email confirmation you will also receive a detailed receipt in an email. When in doubt enter the class! After August 1, adding a class/entry is not an option, it is much easier to drop a class at the fair. **Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.**

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers with non-animal projects are encouraged to print their entry tag(s) at home.

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2012) are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by July 6. Interviews and presentations will be scheduled for Saturday, July 21. All application documents and additional information about 4-H can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=657>. Questions about Mr. and Miss 4-H can be directed to Lynette Willis at lcmmwillis@yahoo.com or 913-269-0677.

Preservation Labels, Clothing and Food

Clothing and Food Preservation Labels are available to pick up at the Extension office. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

“Something to Crow About” Scarecrow Contest

*Top two scarecrows go on to the Kansas State Fair. Please e-mail Denise King at Kingflock@aol.com to order your “scarecrow kit.” Orders must be received by **June 1**.

**Kit includes wood for body and cross arms, wood crow silhouette.*

Entry fee: \$15 fee for youth, non-profit groups; \$50 fee for businesses.

Scarecrow kit will be provided and available for pick up on Sunday, June 10 from 2-4 p.m. or Wednesday, June 13 from 5-7 p.m. at the fair office.

*Scarecrows may be turned in to the fair office anytime from August 1 through August 4 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

*Check the Johnson County Fair web page JoCokansasfair.com for complete rules.

Categories are:

A- Old Fashioned Scarecrow- A traditional farm or garden scarecrow made of straw, hay, etc. used to scare crows away from crops.

B- Celebrity or Character look-a-like scarecrow. A scarecrow (male or female) made to resemble a celebrity, such as a TV personality, sports figure, cartoon, etc.

C. Famous Couple look-a-like Scarecrow- A pair (2) of scarecrows made to resemble a celebrity couple such as a TV personality, sports figure, cartoon.

4-H Food Stand

Each year the Johnson County 4-H Council has a Food Stand at the county fair. This is our ONLY fundraiser for the County Council. County Council funds Achievement Celebration, Transportation for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, trip scholarships for 4-H'ers, Family Night and Officers Training, County and Regional Club Days and much more. A two hour shift at the food stand is a small price to pay for a year of all the great county-wide activities.

The food stand schedule, along with the food stand info sheet is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. All 4-H families working the food stand should review the info sheet prior to the county fair. The info sheet will be posted by June 1. This will ensure a successful and fun food stand shift! On Monday evening (Aug. 6) each club will need to send two adult volunteers to your club's assigned time. Those volunteers will need to also work during your club's assigned shift later in the week. This will help with efficiency and organization of the food stand.

Fair Clean Up Schedule

Each club is assigned a day and area for fair clean up. If everyone pitches in, clean up goes smoothly and quickly. The 2012 clean up schedule is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. A “to do” list for clean up will be sent to club leaders in June.

Cloverbuds Show N Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the 4-H building. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts at age 7. Cloverbuds can bring a maximum of two projects to show and share. Each Cloverbud will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. A sign up sheet will be available Monday evening and Tuesday morning during the entry check in inside the 4-H building. For a list of approved pets for Cloverbuds, please visit <http://www.kansas4h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=264> and check out the Cloverbuds Policy link. Projects that are reasonable in size and are not living/breathing will be displayed in the 4-H building and available for pick up Sunday, August 12.

Project Check In

Projects will be checked in on Monday, August 6, from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8 -10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Please plan on arriving before 10 a.m. to have ample time to check in all of your projects.

4-H foods judging will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 1 - 9 p.m. on Monday, August 6. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check in time.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 12. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. all remaining 4-H exhibits will be removed by club leaders. All 4-H entries and premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean up.

State Fair

4-H exhibits that receive purple ribbons are eligible to enter their exhibits at the Kansas State Fair. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the state fair may sign up in the fair office from 3 - 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 8 through Friday, August 10. 4-H members must be 9 as of January 1, 2012 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 14. Please note all livestock entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by **July 15**.

Livestock T-Shirts

All 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, sheep, goats and swine are required to wear blue jeans and the official Johnson County Fair Livestock Show T-shirt. The color will continue to be purple. Feel free to re-use your purple shirt if you purchased one previously. Each livestock exhibitor will need wear their purple shirt for their respective show(s). 4-H'ers should contact their club leader to order. The shirts will be purple and are \$6 each. Submit your T-shirt size and money to your club leader. Club leaders will turn in all orders to Sue Pio by June 30. Club leaders refer to your Leader Update for more information about ordering shirts. Shirts will be sorted by club name and picked up by a representative of each club on Wednesday, August 8, at 7 a.m. at the livestock pavilion.

Photo Mats

The Johnson County Extension office has photo mats available for photography project members to purchase. Each mat is \$1.20 and checks are to be made payable to the Johnson County 4-H Council. Photos exhibited in the 4-H photography division at the county fair will require a photo mat. The Extension office also has photo mounting directions available.