



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

June is an exciting time of the year. Summer break begins and Fair preparations are in full swing. Please help us welcome Mandy Schroeder our summer intern. She is currently a sophomore at Oklahoma State University studying Agricultural Leadership with an option of Extension Education. Mandy will be with us through August 9th! She will be focused on supporting the Science Day Camps and County Fair activities this summer. -Tara

Blood Drive to Support One of Our Own! - July 7

Katy Gregory was the community leader for the Great Plains 4-H Club for many years. Mrs. Gregory's goal was always to get kids involved and engaged in 4-H and to help them achieve at the highest level. She has been a true blessing to many of us. However, Mrs. Gregory has been battling cancer. She has required a number of blood transfusions as she has been receiving chemotherapy. We would like to honor Mrs. Gregory and all that she has done for the 4-H community by organizing a blood drive in her name on Monday, July 7, from 3-7 p.m. at the Extension office. All registered donors will receive a free Royals/Community Blood Center t-shirt and a chance to win a trip for 4 to Disney World. If you are willing to donate, have any questions, or need help registering please contact, Anna Hester, at johnandglen-da@everestkc.net or 913-492-5814. Please know that you must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent) and weigh at least 115 pounds to donate. Please join Anna in this important task by donating in support of Mrs. Gregory.

A Call for Volunteers!

Enthusiastic and energetic teen volunteers ages 15 and older are wanted for Johnson County 4-H's summer day camps! Teen volunteers should complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/SummerCampVolunteer>.

SAVE THE DATE!

2015 Citizenship in Action will be February 15-16, in Topeka, Ks.
2015 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 20-21, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Fair Edition

2014 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2014 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at <http://www.jocokansasfair.com/Fair%20Book.htm>. The Johnson County Fair Board has again graciously provided 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 entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due July 23. All entries for home environment, fiber arts, clothing construction, fashion revue, and dog show will also be due on July 1. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division unless approved by the Fair Board.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a stall request by July 1. All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the July 23 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'er's name who is exhibiting the animal by July 23. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries will be accepted this year, there will be no paper entries. Entries are available online at www.jocokansasfair.com. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation.

After the entry deadline adding a class/entry is not an option. If you are not sure about what you are taking to the fair, please wait until closer to the deadline to make your entries. This will help keep dropped entries to a minimum as the Fair Board has to pay for each dropped entry.

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 tags 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 January 1, 2014) are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by July 3. Interviews and presentations will be scheduled for Saturday, July 12. Coronation will take place during the Fashion Revue on July 24. All application documents and additional information about Mr. & Miss 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 Lynette476@gmail.com or 913-269-0677. You may also contact Susan Rogers at srgateway2000@gmail.com or 913-226-6167.

Food Preservation and Clothing Labels

Food Preservation labels are available to pick up at the Extension office as well as on Johnson County 4-H's website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms to print off at home. Clothing labels can be made by typing, or printing in ink, on a 3" x 5" piece of white cloth: Class Number, Name, and Address. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Photo Mats

The Extension office has photo mats available for photography project members to purchase. Each mat is \$1.15. 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.

Fair Edition (continued)

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, July 29 from 10 a.m.-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.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399> and choose the Cloverbuds Policies 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 3.

Project Check-in

Projects will be checked in on Monday, July 28, 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. Live-stock 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 3. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make arrangements with another 4-H'er to pick up their entries by Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries. 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.

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 and information sheet is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. All 4-H families working the food stand should review the information sheet prior to the county fair to ensure a successful and fun food stand shift! The information sheet will be posted soon. On the evening of Monday, July 28, 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.

4-H Foods Judging

The 4-H foods judging will take place at Wheatridge Middle School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 28.

Canning and Preservation fair classes: 4-H'ers should only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging. This a food safety issue.

Fair Edition (continued)

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 this year is the same as last year which is turquoise. Each livestock exhibitor will need to wear their turquoise shirt for their respective show(s). Shirts are \$6 each and ordering needs to be placed through your club leader. Club Leaders please see the Leader section on page 9 for details on placing the order.

Livestock and Project Auction Update

Livestock Auction: Exhibitors must turn in auction forms to sell their livestock to the fair office by 12 p.m. Friday, or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the beef show, along with a W-9 IRS form.

Project Auction: Project auction forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday along with a W-9 IRS form, no exceptions.

It is against policy of the Johnson County Fair for any livestock or projects sold at the 4-H/FFA auction to be shown at any other county, state or national competition.

"Fur and Feathers" 2014 Johnson County Fair Theme Contest

4-H members and clubs are invited to enter the Johnson County Fair Theme contest. A wood cut-out silhouette of a rabbit and chicken will be provided for members and clubs to decorate. They will be judged and placed around the fairgrounds at fair. To reserve your cut-out e-mail Denise King at kingflock@aol.com. The cost is \$10 for members and clubs. For complete details go to www.jocokansasfair.com.

2013 Fair Premium Checks

If you still have your 2013 premium check hanging out in your house, closet, or barn please cash it **IMMEDIATELY!** The bank will honor checks up to 6 months from date of issue.

State Fair Photography Update

From the 2014 State Fair Photography section:

- Photographic subject matter is expected to follow 4-H standards. For a sense of prohibited subject matter, review the Kansas 4-H member Code of Conduct; in general, if it is not allowable at a 4-H event, it is not allowable in a 4-H photograph at the State Fair.
- Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed in Kansas 4-H Photography and may receive a ribbon penalty.
- Copyright protections must be observed.
- Decisions as to display and/or penalties will be made by the Photography Department Superintendent and the 4-H Specialist responsible for the photography department.

State Fair Entries

All 4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter the exhibit 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, July 30 through Friday, August 1. 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2014 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State Fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 12. Please note all livestock entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15. ♦

County Project Opportunities

County Rabbit Project Meetings

Below are the dates and the possible topics of discussion.

Location: Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds

Dates, Times & Topics:

Tuesday, June 3, 7-8:30 p.m. - Rabbit Showmanship

Contact Information for Questions:

Susan & Liza Rogers - srgateway2000@gmail.com or 913-856-4692

Maribeth & Joanna Finley - finleyfarms@embarqmail.com or 913-856-3921

County-wide Photo Shoot at Loose Park

On Saturday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. the Photography Project Club will be meeting at the Antioch Library parking lot on the north side of the building to carpool down to Loose Park. There should be plenty of blooming roses to photograph! Bring your camera to review photo tips for macrophotography and to discuss what to look for when choosing photos for the fair. Any questions? Contact Bruce, Nina or Grace Ladd at theladds5@gmail.com. If you would like to meet the group at the park, the plan is to be there around 6 p.m. and Nina's cell phone number is 913-530-0316.

Swine PQA

One of the requirements of showing swine at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show is having certification for Pork Quality Assurance (PQA). In past years, youth have been required to take an annual face to face training or if old enough, test out through a face to face testing. PQA is now available as an online training or testing. As a result, we will not be offering a face to face training in the county.

To receive the online training, or to take the online exam, log onto the PQA website at www.pork.org/login. 4-H'ers 8-12 years old will need a parent and their e-mail to register and take the training. Parents can also register for older 4-H'ers, but 13-19 year olds with their own e-mail can register and take the training or exam themselves.

If you have questions or need help, contact Rick at the Extension office. Remember that PQA certification must be completed by the time state swine nominations are due on June 15.

Upcoming Horse Shows

The horse shows are open to 4-H members and are scheduled as follows:

June 7, 2014 at 9 a.m. – *Official Show at Douglas County Fairgrounds*

July 12, 2014 at 9 a.m. – *Practice Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds*

The Show Bill/Entry Form is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

Project Enrollment

Project enrollment as of May 1, 2014, is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. 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. 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 Christin.

Local Opportunities

Miami County Dog Show

Miami County 4-H Dog Club and the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project are hosting the 3rd Annual Miami-Waggers 4-H Dog Show on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Ks. Pre-registration is due June 6, 2014, and Walk-In entries will also be welcomed! The show flyer and registration form are posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms.

State Livestock Nomination Forms

4-H'ers going to the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must nominate their animals. To see the guidelines for nominating your animal(s) as well as the nomination forms visit www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. State deadline is June 15 for Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep and Goat. (May 1 was the deadline for Market Beef.)

Livestock Grant and Mentor Applications

The Johnson County Livestock Association has just announced funding for their 4-H livestock grant and mentor program. And the good news is they have increased funding. The grant program awards \$1,100 to a 4-H'er enrolled in the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'er in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. Experienced 4-H'ers who apply to the mentor program could earn \$500 for the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'er in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. If you would like an opportunity to apply for the grant or mentor program, please fill out an application by the July 15 due date. Applications are available at the Extension office or online at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1136>.

Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) Update

After returning from a self-imposed hiatus last year, our JCEEF Board is rejuvenated and energized for the upcoming year. The JCEEF was organized in 1997 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The primary purpose of JCEEF is to be an advocate for and increase the visibility of Extension in the community by raising and granting funds to further Extension programming. Projects and activities in our core programming areas of Ag and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H and Youth Development, Community Development, and Horticulture have benefited greatly in the past from these grants. In fact the Foundation has provided over \$50,000 in small grants to support our core programming areas since 2003.

The majority of the money raised by the JCEEF comes from membership dues and an annual dinner and auction event.

Foundation Dinner and Auction

Please save the date for our dinner and auction this year which will be held at the Extension office on the evening of Saturday, November 15.

Don't Forget!

4-H County Council Meetings

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of every other month at 7 p.m.

State Opportunities

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 2014 Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be June 26, 2014, at the Ag Hall in Salina, Ks. 4-H members 9-18 years of age before January 1, 2014 should register by June 15. More information and the Registration Worksheet and Contest Rules can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=441.

Wildcat Sewing Camps

Come to the 3rd annual State Sewing Camps, it promises to be Wildcat Sewing Fun! This specialty camp will be held on the K-State Campus in Salina, Ks. The Junior Camp will be held June 30-July 2, and is designed for youth ages 9-12. The Senior Camp will be held July 1-3, and is designed for youth 13 and older. The camp offers 4-H members and their friends an opportunity to explore and learn more in the Clothing and Textiles project. Skill development will be found not only sewing on a touch control sewing machine, but also in areas of proper technique, fabrics and fibers, and fabric design. There will also be time for a service learning opportunity as well as time each evening for some hands-on projects. Parents of junior campers will have a special opportunity to see the youth's creations at a fun Fashion Show prior to departure on July 2. The Registration Form can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=429.

2014 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show

The annual Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show is on Thursday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Pratt Area 4-H Center on the Pratt County Fairgrounds, 81 Lake Road, Pratt, KS 67124. The wheat show is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders, FFA members, vocational agriculture teachers and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be two tours. The registration cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration will be required by Friday, August 1, to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. Registration will be open by June 1, 2014. For more information about the wheat show, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=432>. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat show planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.

2014 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, August 23. Once again, the contest will be held in Throckmorton Hall on the K-State Campus. State Horticulture Judging has a page on the 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=442>. On this site you can find 2013-2014 Written Exam Materials, Horticulture ID Scorecard (plant list for ID section), Plant Materials Study Guide (this site contains photos of many of the plants on the ID list) and a link to the "Kansas Garden Guide."

Congratulations!

Please take a moment to congratulate Natalie McCracken on becoming a Northeast Kansas Youth Council Representative!

Your other NE Kansas representatives are: Shaylee Arpin (Central Ks. Dist.), Tommy Fink (Reno Co.), JaelAnn Hoover (River Valley Dist.), and Katie Messerla (Riley Co.).

June

- 2 - County Officers meeting
- 3 - County Rabbit Project meeting
- 6 - Entomology Pinning Class
- 7 - Official Horse Show (Douglas Co. Fairgrounds)
 - County Photography Project Photo Shoot
- 8-11 - Fantastic 4-H Camp at Rock Springs
- 15 - Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat Nominations forms due to State office
- 17-19 - Cooking Day Camp
- 24-26 - Weird-Wacky-and Sometimes Edible Day Camp
- 30 - Livestock t-shirt orders due to Sue Pio

July

- 1 - Volunteer Orientation Training
 - Stall requests due to Johnson Co. Fair
- 3 - Mr. and Miss 4-H applications due to office
- 4 - Extension office Closed
- 7 - Blood Drive for Mrs. Gregory
 - County Council meeting
- 8-10 - Science Explorations Day Camp
- 12 - Mr. and Miss 4-H interviews & presentations
 - Practice Horse Show (Jo. Co. Fairgrounds)
- 16 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 15 - Livestock Grant/Mentor Applications due to office
- 23 - Johnson Co. Fair Entries due (for entries not judged before Fair)
- 24 - Public Fashion Revue and Mr. and Miss 4-H Coronation (Wheatridge Middle School)
- 28 - Foods Judging (Wheatridge Middle School)
 - Evening Fair entry Check-in (6:30-9 p.m.)
- 29 - Morning Fair entry Check-in (8-10 a.m.)
 - Cloverbuds Show & Share (Jo. Co. Fairgrounds)
- 30-Aug. 1 - State Fair Entry sign-up in the Fair Office (3-5 p.m.)

**Dates and information for Spring Shows and other events in other counties can be found by following the link near the bottom of our Livestock page at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2014 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips News

Clover Clips will no longer be password protected on the website. We hope this will make Clover Clips more accessible to all of our 4-H'ers.

Submission Deadline - The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 20th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms 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.

Johnson County 4-H on Facebook



'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.

Leader Update

Volunteer Orientation Training Dates

If you are working with 4-H youth then come and participate in the Volunteer Orientation! * This training will fulfill one of the two requirements for the VIP process. Bring your application, or fill it out on site, and you will have completed the VIP process and we will do the rest of the work to get you fully registered as a Johnson County 4-H Volunteer. All trainings will be held at the Johnson County Extension office.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1

6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16

To register for the training please complete the online form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b80eUlcq3aeD8HMZuaXIvoUgqT5gIMiXzq6mSd1s4Yo/viewform>.

*Not wanting to do an in-person training? Then feel free to do the online orientation and fill out the application in the convenience of your own home. Visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=87> to get started today!

Please contact Tara with any questions

By-Laws Request

If you have not filed your Community Club's By-Laws with the Extension office in the past year we are requesting you do this for your Club's file. If you have any questions or think it is time to update your by-laws please let me know and I would be more than happy to help out with the suggested requirements. -Tara

Fair Project Pick up

Club Leaders, please collect any projects that have not been picked up by 4-H'ers in your club by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday during fair clean up.

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 is the same as last year which is turquoise. Each livestock exhibitor will need to wear their turquoise shirt for their respective show(s). 4-H'ers need to submit their order to their club leader.

Cost: \$6 each

Sizes: Youth: Small, Medium, and Large & Adult: Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large.

Youth need to submit their t-shirt size and money to their club leader. Club leaders will turn in all orders to Sue Pio by June 30. Make sure to include Club Name, Leader's Name and Leader's cell phone for contacting purposes.

Please mail checks (made out to Johnson County Fair) and orders to:

Sue Pio, 20470 Coop Road, Edgerton, KS 66021

Shirts will be sorted by club name and picked up by a representative of each club on Wednesday, July 30, at 7 a.m. at the livestock pavilion.