



Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

Announcements



Celebrating a Successful Johnson County 4-H Club Day!

By: Victoria Olberding, 4-H County Council Reporter

The 2025 Johnson County 4-H Club Day took place on March 1st at Pioneer Ridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day gives 4-H'ers a variety of opportunities to compete in different events, demonstrate leadership skills by serving as door monitors, participate in consumer judging, and refuel at the food stand put on by the county's 4-H Ambassadors. The county had a total of 202

entries in a variety of different categories. Those who received Top Purple are eligible to move on to compete at Regional Club Day on March 29 at Shawnee Heights Middle School in Tecumseh. Congratulations and good luck to all of our contestants moving on to Regional Club Day!

Regional Club Day

For those that qualified for Regional Club Day, the event will be held Saturday, March 29th at **Shawnee Heights Middle School** (4335 SE Shawnee Heights Rd., Tecumseh, KS 66542).

If you receive a purple at Regional Club Day, you make present your public speaking presentation at the Kansas State Fair.

County Judging Results

Congratulations to our top finishers in the following project judging activities that took place at County Club Days. So many ties -- great job, everyone!

Family and Consumer Sciences:

Junior -

1. Emerson B. (Blue River Wrangler), Delaney D. (Country Hearts), Titus L. (Morning Glory), Bennie S. (Morning Glory), Colton T. (Country Hearts), Elliana T. (Pioneer)
2. Lily P. (Great Plains)
3. Paige B. (Oxford Hustlers)

Intermediate -

1. Parker K. (Pioneer)

2. Aidan D. (Great Plains)
3. Josiah L. (Morning Glory)

Senior -

1. Cora D. (Happy Helpers)
2. Victoria O. (Oxford Hustlers) & Colton S. (Prairie Moon)
3. Katie H. (Oxford Hustlers)

Foods & Nutrition:

Junior -

1. Emerson B. (Blue River Wranglers), Felix B. (Oxford Hustlers), Delaney D. (Country Hearts), Malachi L. (Great Plains), Bennie S. (Morning Glory), Dominic W. (Happy Helpers)

Intermediate -

1. Evelyn T. (Morning Glory)
2. Phoebe B. (Great Plains), Marley K. (Blue River Wranglers), Matthew V. (Country Hearts)

Senior -

1. Gloria B. (Great Plains), Ann'adele K. (Horse Club), Victoria O. (Oxford Hustlers)

Horticulture:

Junior -

1. Delaney D. (Country Hearts)
2. Lily Y. (Great Plains)
3. Boaz T. (Lucky Clover)

Intermediate -

1. Esther G. (Great Plains)
2. Matthew V. (Country Hearts)
3. Issac & Samuel M. (Country Hearts)

Senior -

1. Ellie D. (Great Plains)
2. Katie H. (Oxford Hustlers)
3. Emily K. (Country Hearts) & Olivia Y. (Great Plains)

Spring Livestock Judging Clinic

The American Royal will be offering a Spring Livestock Judging Clinic on Saturday, March 29th and will take place during the American Royal Spring Livestock Show. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for this event.

Adding/Dropping Projects & Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and be approved in 4-H Online to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair.

Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4-H Online by simply clicking the Edit button in the Projects tab within the 4-H member's profile.

This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects.

If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, please contact [Christin Bartels](#).

County Events & Updates

2025 Food Fare

The 2025 Food Fare will be held on the evening of **Friday, March 28th, 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at the Extension office. Food Fare is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "Farm-to-Table." Participants of Food Fare will tour each booth, try the food samples and participate in the activities. NEW this year - there will also be some fun judging activities.

If you plan to help at your club's booth and/or come to enjoy the event, **please register [here](#) by March 21st** so that we know how much food to prepare. Invite your family and friends to this fun event, don't forget to have them register too!

Visit the 4-H Food Fare [webpage](#) for details. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Extension office.

Promote 4-H!

Johnson County 4-H will be hosting an information booth at the annual Midwest Parent Educators (MPE) conference on Friday and Saturday, April 4-5 at the KCI Expo Center. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to promote 4-H to others outside of our community. You can bring a couple small projects to display, share your club historian books and project report forms, etc. You will be not only promoting Johnson County 4-H but you will be sharing 4-H to many from neighboring states.

If you are a current homeschooler, would you consider volunteering on Friday? For those in traditional schools, would you consider volunteering on Saturday? The volunteer sign-up form can be found [here](#) with the available shifts. A parent/adult will be required to attend with the youth volunteer.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Diane Eflin at diane.eflin@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead: CWF 2026!

Citizenship Washington Focus is an unforgettable opportunity for teens, ages 14-18, to build leadership and communication skills through hands-on learning in Washington, D.C.

In June 2026, Johnson County will take a delegation of 10 4-H members on an exciting eight-day journey, visiting iconic landmarks like Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian, and Arlington National Cemetery, while exploring democracy and constitutional amendments.

This program equips youth to become future leaders and change agents in their communities.

Applications are due by **April 15th, 2025**. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience, click [here](#) to learn more or apply!



YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on nutrition, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.



Who needs to be certified?

- ALL Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: Youth ages 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep, swine, and/or bucket calf project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2025 in order to exhibit at the fair.
- ALL Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: Youth ages 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification.

How do I get certified?

Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Registrations and payments must be made through the [YQCA website](#) prior to attending a training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.)

Families are responsible for printing their YQCA certificate, having it on file with the Extension office, and bringing it to county fair. Additional details can be found here: [Johnson County 4-H Livestock](#)

Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office:

Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 PM

Livestock Tagging

All market and commercial breeding animals, including beef, sheep, goats, swine, and bucket calves, must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the designated tagging deadlines to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost of the Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 per animal. **Commercial breeding animals must now be tagged to align with state guidelines, which is a change from previous years.** Tagging dates and times are as follows and will all take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Species Tagged	Tagging Dates & Times	Last Date to Tag
All Species	April 18th 5:00 PM - 7:00PM	Beef: April 19th
Beef	April 19th 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Swine, Sheep, Goat,
Small Livestock	May 30th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Bucket Calf: May 31st
Small Livestock	May 31st 7:00 - 9:00 AM	

If a family is unable to attend any of the tagging dates, they must either bring their animal(s) to the Extension office or pay a \$50 farm fee for Extension staff to travel to the location of the animal(s). All animals must be tagged on or prior to their species' last date to tag. Animals tagged after these dates will only be allowed to show in open class at the county fair unless prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension staff, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent.



State Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning to show their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Market beef nominations are due by **May 1**. Commercial heifer, swine, sheep, and meat goat nominations are due by **June 15**. Information regarding state livestock nominations, ordering DNA envelopes, and the nomination process can be found here: [State Livestock Nominations](#)

4-H Calendar Events

Check out all the available 4-H Projects and Events coming up in the next few weeks.

Monday, March 17th 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Spring Break Leathercraft Class

Instructor Randy Cornelius will touch on the basics of leathercraft including some history of leather, how leather is made, and the basic seven tools used to carve floral designs on leather. Participants will need to bring two #2 lead pencils or a mechanical pencil, a 12" ruler, a pair of scissors and a sack lunch.

Registration: Class is FULL!

Contact: [Randy](#) by email or by phone (913-731-8301)

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Monday, March 17th 6:00 PM

Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting

Join us on the third Monday of each month as we dive into the art of pinning insects! Whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting out, this hands-on meeting is perfect for anyone looking to improve their skills and take their insect collection to new heights. All skill levels welcome!

At the March meeting we will talk about more advanced aspects of pinning and positioning specimens. Don't worry if you are new, you can come and learn no matter your skill level! There will be time to practice pinning and identifying and you will be able to receive help as needed.

NO Registration required

Contact: [Patrick Delancy](#)

Location: Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (Room #115) 13145 Blackbob Road, Olathe, KS 66062

Tuesday, March 18th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

4-H Bread Making Class

Attend this hands-on class to learn the art of bread making. With a little practice you too can master a variety of breads special for all occasions! This class is for 4-H youth in the intermediate or senior age category. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Registration: Class is FULL!

Contact: [Chelsea Reinberg](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Thursdays, March 20th & 27th 6:30 - 8:30 PM

County-Wide Sewing Meetings

All levels welcome. Bring your sewing machines!

Contact: [Martha Powell](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Saturday, March 22nd 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

County-Wide Sewing Meeting

This is an additional/make-up sewing meeting that will be held.

Contact: [Martha Powell](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Friday, March 28th 6:00 PM

Food Fare

Come tour the "Farm-to-Table" food samplings from Johnson County 4-H clubs. Feel free to invite friends and family - don't forget to register!

Registration: RSVP [here](#) by March 21

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

Saturday, March 29th

Regional 4-H Days

4-H'ers receiving a Top Purple ribbon placing at County Club Day will be performing at Regional Club Day.

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Location: Shawnee Heights Middle School (4335 SE Shawnee Heights Rd., Tecumseh, KS

66542)

Tuesday, April 1st 6:00 PM

YQCA Training

Attend this in person training (two in person trainings will be offered this spring).

Registration: [YQCA website](#)

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Monday, April 7th 6:30 PM

County Council Officers Meeting

County Council officers meet on the even-numbered months of the year.

Contact: [Lexi](#) or [Cyla](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension office

Tuesday, April 8th 7:00 PM

Johnson County Geology Project Meeting

Interested in the Geology project? These project meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Come check out what it is all about. You do not have to be enrolled in the project to attend the meetings.

Registration: None required

Contact: [Natasha Graham](#)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office, Room 1015

[View 4-H Calendar](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

March 21st - Food Fare Registrations Due

March 31st - Youth in Action Applications Due

April 15th - CWF Johnson County Delegate Applications Due

April 15th - IPM Insect Art Contest Submissions Due

May 1st - Market Beef State Livestock Nominations are Due

May 1st - Project Enrollment (Add/Drop) on 4-H Online are Due

State Events & Updates

IPM Insect Art Contest

Calling all YOUTH and ADULT artists! Another insect art contest opportunity! The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas!

This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night." The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass or other media.

There are five age categories for entries (K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, High School and Adult). **Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15, 2025.** Visit this [webpage](#) for more information, rules and entry forms.

Host Families Needed for International Delegates

Looking for fun and excitement this summer? States 4-H and Kansas 4-H has a great opportunity for families to host a new international friend in your home this summer. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for families to host youth from Costa Rica: June 25 – July 19; Japan: July 21 – August 16; Norway: June 25 – July 19; and Taiwan: July 3 – August 2.

For more information on the delegates, hosting, program contact information and applications, please visit this [webpage](#).

Rock Springs Ranch Summer Camp

Summer Camp Registration is now OPEN - secure your spot today! Camp offerings include a mini camp, half week and full week sessions, teen leadership programs and several new specialty camps. All camp sessions are offered on a voluntary three-tiered pricing model based on the needs of families. For a description of the tiers and the pricing list, please visit this [webpage](#).

For families who are unable to pay the Tier 3 pricing, camperships are available through the generosity of donors to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. To apply for a campership, please complete the [Campership Application](#).

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Registration for the Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) programs will be covered by generous philanthropic support from the Patterson Family Foundation. To apply, youth must complete a letter of interest.

Check out [Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch](#) for information and registrations. Transportation from Olathe is offered for sessions 1-8, check this link out for more information [Transportation - Rock Springs Ranch 4H Camp](#).

National Events & Updates

4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action program amplifies the diverse stories and leadership of 4-H youth who are making a difference in their communities every day. It is a premiere community of 4-H'ers who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others. Teens aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the 4-H Youth in Action Program for the chance to tell their 4-H impact story.

Each year, program participants receive an exciting year of media training and national opportunities to share their 4-H story and leadership.

The four award winners will also receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- All-expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone
- An official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational/career purposes

Applications are due **March 31st, 2025**. Visit this [webpage](#) for more information and application link.

Partner Events

Walk Kansas

Walk Kansas is a team-based program designed to help you live a healthy lifestyle! Gather members of your 4-H club for a Walk Kansas Team and join the eight-week program (March 30 - May 24) to get moving! Adult registrations are \$10, youth registrations are free. At least one registered adult member must be on the team. Contact [Chelsea Reinberg](#) to get a youth code to register them for free. Once registered, set a challenge for your team and start logging in your physical activity. You can also optionally track your water, fruit and veggie intake as an added bonus. Visit the [website](#) to learn more and to register (registration opens March 4th).

Healthy Yards Expo

Interested in making your yard more earth-friendly?

Come join us at the 13th annual Kansas Healthy Yards Expo taking place March 29th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Shawnee Civic Centre (13817 Johnson Drive Shawnee, KS).

This event will be free to attend. Attendees of the expo will be able to listen to speakers on topics that can help you improve your landscape while also adhering to eco-friendly practices. Johnson County K-State Research and Extension partners with Johnson County Stormwater Management and the cities of Overland Park, Lenexa, Shawnee, and the Unified Government of Wyandotte to host this event.

This expo will offer educational seminars presented by local businesses, non-profits, and city and county departments about practices you can use in your own landscape.

Here are a few examples of what visitors at the Expo can do:

- Register for door prizes!
- Free Tree Seedling: First 100 visitors get a free tree seedling, courtesy of the City of Overland Park.
- Talk with city representatives to find out what's going on in your neighborhood and learn about cost share programs for establishing rain gardens and rain barrels.
- Choose from a wide selection of locally grown, organic native plants specially selected to thrive in your garden.
- Kids can enjoy a free puppet show by Stone Lion Puppet Theatre. Performances are at 10:30 AM and 12 PM.
- Kiddos will also enjoy a traveling museum that brings soil to life, in the Soil Tunnel Trailer.

Refer to this [flyer](#) for more information or visit the [webpage](#).

4-H Afterschool Cooking Program in Gardner

The Master Food Volunteers are offering a monthly afterschool cooking program in Gardner that is open to any 4-H'er who is interested! Sessions are usually held the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 PM -5:00 PM, Students will learn how to prepare various recipes and develop skills that are transferable to preparing foods for the fair and beyond. Cooking is an essential skill for life! Parents are encouraged to stay, learn, and participate with their youth. Participants will get to eat or take home food prepared during each session. Food safety, nutrition, healthy eating, physical activity, and other lessons will be incorporated into each session.

For session topics and to sign-up, visit the website here: [Afterschool Cooking Program \(k-state.edu\)](#)



Reporter's Corner

Read the latest Reporter's Corner to stay up to date on club happenings!

[Read Reporter's Corner](#)

Contact Us!

Clover Clips Submission

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the **15th** of each month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Erin at Erin.Yeung@jocogov.org

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