

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for 4-H families

## Announcements

### County Wide Involvement

Why would you want to get involved at the county level?

Exploring a county wide project can spark your interest in a new project or help you gain more skill along your own learning journey. These project meetings can include judging activities and presentation opportunities - both great county-level areas of participation for those applying for membership pins.

Joining a county committee gives you an opportunity to share your voice, to lead, and to make your mark on county decisions, events and programming. Along the way, you will meet other 4-H members from other clubs and form new friendships. Come learn, lead and grow with us! Check out the County Events & Updates & County Calendar sections for all the available opportunities.

### 2025 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for new 4-H members to enroll and current 4-H members to re-enroll for the 2025 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be enrolled by November 1, 2024. **If you have not enrolled, please do ASAP.** If you are not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the county Extension office and State 4-H office as only the contact information from 2025 enrollments in 4-H Online will now be used.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/).

### State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Changes

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Family Scholarship application process is now open. Applications are due by **March 1, 2025, at 11:59 PM**. The new scholarship process has combined the State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together.

To learn more about the scholarship process, click [here](#).

Scholarships are available to current high school seniors and undergraduate students. There are several scholarships that graduate and professional students are eligible for. Please encourage all of these individuals to apply for one of the Kansas 4-H Scholarships. Questions can be directed to Sarah Keatley - (620) 366-0035 or [keatley@ksu.edu](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu).

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## County Events & Updates

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### County Committees

Would you like to help plan county events like Achievement Celebration, Food Fare or Club Days? Would you like to help review scholarships or voice your opinion on county award procedures? There are several county committees to get YOU involved. Anyone can participate in county committees - you do not have to be a council representative to participate. Look [HERE](#) for a list of committees and their responsibilities and find one that you want to be a member of and sign-up via the link on that page.

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### County Council Representatives

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7:00 PM. The next meeting will be January 6, 2025. **Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin.** Descriptions of each of the Council committees is posted on the [4-H Council Page](#) on the Johnson County 4-H website. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link for the committee sign ups is posted on the [4-H Council Page](#). If you have questions, please contact the JoCo 4-H office.

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### 4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills Discipline

Would you like to learn skills in hunter knowledge, wildlife identification, compass and orienteering? Have fun in group activities learning about wildlife management? Have an opportunity to get introduced to Archery, Smallbore Rifle, and Shotgun shooting? Youth are not required to be a hunter, or even intend to hunt, although having some knowledge of hunting may be helpful.

Hunting Skills is one of the disciplines within Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports. While it does have shooting disciplines incorporated for those old enough to meet 4-H requirements and are interested, it also provides knowledge about history of hunting, why we hunt, how hunters and hunting support wildlife management, survival skills, etc. We have meetings that include youth from surrounding counties who all enjoy the project. Opportunities are available to attend local, state, and national competitions. Three members of our group will be participating in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Match next summer!

Our first beginner's class will be **January 10 at 6:30 PM** at the Johnson County Extension Office. Members will learn more about how Hunting Skills fits into the shooting sports program and cover our first unit, History of Hunting. **Youth wishing to be involved in the discipline will need to get enrolled in the project through 4-H Online.**

Please contact [Beth Alloway](#) or [Arn Eccles](#) to let us know you are coming or if you would like more information.

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### County-Wide Electricity Project Meeting

Are you interested in learning about electricity? Do you wonder what makes the lights and TV turn on? Need help getting started with a fair project idea? A class will be held at the Johnson County Extension Office on **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 PM**. You will learn about electricity and get hands-on experience with a circuits learning kit. A parent or guardian must be in attendance.

Topics will include:

- History of electricity
- What causes electricity
- Types of electrical circuits (using the learning kits)
- Insulators and conductors (also using the learning kits)
- Basic home electrical safety

**Sign-up is required** using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8k3uhf>

Everyone will get to use a battery-operated circuits learning kit during the class. The kit can be purchased at the end of the class for \$14.

We are limiting the class size to ten (10) 4-H youth. If you see the class has been filled up and are still interested in attending, contact Paul Voelker at [healingwaters7@outlook.com](mailto:healingwaters7@outlook.com). Feel free to send an email if you have other questions.

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## County-Wide Geology Project

Interested in the Geology project? Come check out what it is all about. There will be monthly meetings held on the **2nd Tuesday of each month**, starting January 2025. The meetings will be held at 7:00 PM at the Johnson County Extension Office (Room 1015).

**January 14th, 2025 will be the first meeting!**

For more information, contact Natasha Graham at [nlgraham95@gmail.com](mailto:nlgraham95@gmail.com).

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## 4-H Calendar Events

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

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**Thursday & Friday, November 28th-29th**  
**Johnson County Extension Office Closed**

**Monday, December 2nd, 7:00 PM**  
**County Council Officer Meeting**

If you are a newly elected county council officer, these meetings will take place on the first Monday of the even months of the year.

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

**Location:** Johnson County Extension Office

**Monday, December 16th, 2024 6:00 PM**  
**Johnson County Entomology Project Meeting**

Join us for an evening of bug-ploration as we delve into the fascinating realm of insects! Our monthly meetings are great opportunities to expand your knowledge of insect identification, collection techniques, and research methods. Whether you're a seasoned naturalist or just starting to explore the world of bugs, our meetings are a perfect platform for learning, sharing ideas, and connecting with like-minded individuals.

At the December meeting we will explore basic insect identification. There will also be time to get help pinning or identifying a few insects you have already caught.

**Registration:** None required

**Contact:** Patrick Delancy at [patrick.delancy@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.delancy@gmail.com)

**Location:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Room #115 (13145 Blackbob Rd. Olathe, K

## Registration Deadlines

### Friday, December 13th, 2024

Register for the 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball Team - this event takes place January 4th, 2025. For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket to the game, an awesome game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. A ticket/voucher option with no t-shirt is available for \$15.

**Registration Link:** <http://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>

**Contact:** Macy Hynek, River Valley 4-H Agent, at [mhynek@ksu.edu](mailto:mhynek@ksu.edu)

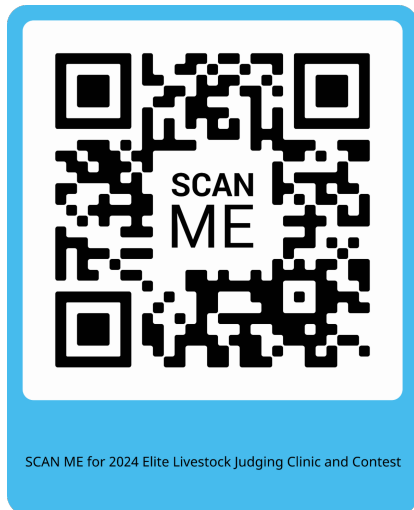
### Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

Tail Waggers Dog Project Registrations for the 2025 training season.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/LV4Jcf>

**Contact:** Donna Holloway at [DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com](mailto:DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com) or 913-433-6752

## State Events & Updates



### Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

The Elite Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest will be held at the LVCO Fairgrounds in Tonganoxie, KS on **Saturday, December 7th**. This contest is open to all 7 to 19-year-olds.

**New this year:** meats identification training hosted by KSU Meats Science Department.

Please address any questions to Karol Lohman of the Leavenworth County Livestock Committee.

Karol's email is: [klohman@ksu.edu](mailto:klohman@ksu.edu) and her phone number is 913-683-4277.

## K-State Junior Producer Day

The junior producer day programs are one-day educational programs through which families can attend to learn about the selection and management of a specific species. These events are open to all ages and skill levels including youth, parents, extension agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and other volunteers. A variety of topics are provided by K-State faculty, staff, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. The tentative program and topics for each day can be found at this [link](#). This is a family event! Parents and youth are invited to come learn together! All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults (including parents). Families need to register online [here](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page for registration link).

### NEW THIS YEAR...

**Limited Registration!** Due to the capacity of the facility this year, registration for each junior producer day will be capped at 400 participants. Families are encouraged to register early to

reserve their spot!

**New Location** - The 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days will be hosted at the Stanley Stout Center, which is in Manhattan, north of campus, near the Sheep & Meat Goat Center and Purebred Unit.

### K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025  
Registration Deadline: February 5  
Cost: \$20/person by February 5 (\$25/person after February 5)

- \*Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt.
- \*\*Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.
- \*\*\*No refunds.

### K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025  
Registration Deadline: February 26  
Cost: \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)

- \*Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt.
- \*\*Both youth and adults attending (including parents) need to register.
- \*\*\*No refunds.

## Partner Events

### NEW! 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 \(k-state.edu\)](https://www.k-state.edu/afterschool-cooking-program)

## Reporter's Corner

Stay in the loop of current club happenings!

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](mailto:Erin.Yeung@jocogov.org)

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