



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

With Tara's departure Amanda and Christin will be your go-to 4-H staff until the new 4-H agent starts. Kelli Ludlum, our new Director, will also be supporting the 4-H program in the meantime. Please let any of us know if you have any questions or concerns. -Thank you

New County Council Officers Elected

 By Seth Gunkel, County Council Reporter

The 2016-17 4-H County Council had their first meeting of the year on November 7th. After a short business meeting, the officers for the upcoming year were elected: Amelia (Lucky Clover) as President; Liza (Morning Glory) as Vice President; Peyton (Horse Club) as Secretary; Samantha (Great Plains) as Corresponding Secretary; Kenton (Livestock Club) as Treasurer; Seth (Comet Tech) as Reporter; Alexandria (Great Plains) and Kairi (Sharon) as Historian. Welcome to the new 4-H year!



48 Hours of 4-H Wrap-up

If members from your club completed an activity for 48 Hours of 4-H have one person from the group fill out the online report at <https://fs30.formsite.com/Kansas4H/form14/index.html>. Even if you did not pre-register your activity, please take the time to fill out the form in order for the Kansas 4-H office to be able to record all that was done across the state. If you have thoughts about the event there is a place to add those in the online report.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Horse Project 2017 Meetings

The Foundation Horse Project Team serves all 4-H clubs and members in Johnson County. This is a countywide opportunity for those interested in learning more about the horse project. Any 4-H member interested in the horse project or becoming educated about horses is welcome to participate. This team does not take the place of your 4-H club and members still need to be active in a local 4-H club of their choice. The purpose of this team is to establish a solid foundation for horse education. The focus will be on educational activities including horse husbandry, safety, feeding, industry topics, and veterinary medicine.

Meetings for 2017 will be held on February 8, June 14, August 9, and October 11. All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office and start at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at horsedoc96@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Future Sewers: Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and a lifelong skill. Are you interested in learning how to take a piece of material and creating something that can be worn? Sewing classes for all sewers in Johnson County will resume on January 5. Classes will be held every Thursday until July 20. Join to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Tail Waggers Registration Open

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project will be opening registration for the 2017 training season on December 1, 2016. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2017. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers will be held on Wednesday, January 11. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 18; and Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 29. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, new Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under "Advice from a 4-H'er". If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you the guidelines.

Local Opportunities

County Council Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1st Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 5. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our countywide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/mYFEZOG7xUSWdxps1> by January 1, 2017.

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. Registration and payment links and the guidelines are posted at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html>. Please note that there are two different registration links. One is for individual, duo, etc. events and the other is for club events. Only one person in your club needs to sign the entire club up for club events.

All events are required to be pre-registered online by January 25 in order to participate in Club Day. Once registration has closed, additional information will be sent out in regards to signing up for specific time slots.

Club Reporters, Your Article can be Featured in Clover Clips

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

Upcoming Local Deadlines

Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2017?

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members for the 2017 4-H year and for new families to enroll. We asked that all current 4-H members reenroll by November 1, 2016. **If you have not reenrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2017 enrollments in 4HOnline is being used.

The Kansas 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. We have also posted the Kansas 4-H brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

****Log in to your family's existing profile. DO NOT create a new family account!**

****Most data will pre-populate from the 2016 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club Name, Project changes, etc.**

****The Participation Form is filled out as part of the enrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.**

****If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office and the Organizational Report for your club has been turned in to the Extension office.**

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Registered Volunteer Renewals and Online Volunteer Orientation

Renewals for current Registered Volunteers for the 2016-2017 4-H year were due October 1. If you still need to complete yours please do so at your earliest convenience. The Volunteer Renewal can be completed online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. On this webpage there is also a link to the hard copy form.

Visit the Johnson County 4-H Volunteer webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/ and click on "Application", "Orientation", or "Renewal" for more details about each step in the process. Please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horse Panorama will be January 27-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Citizenship in Action will be February 19-20 in Topeka.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 24-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 11 in Manhattan.

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be March 25 in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech & Cosmosphere Overnight Experience #2 will be Mar. 31-Apr. 1 in Hutchinson.

Discovery Days will be May 30-June 2 in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 19-20 in Manhattan.

State Opportunities

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training Details

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 20-22, 2017, in Salina, Ks. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project. New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be recertified. This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be at least 16 years old to attend this certification and training. For information visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/dog-leader/index.html>. To register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSci3TuwLpfzqz9chjRgPGRMai30z9NLYXgfnMAG-ob2spxJ7w/viewform>.

Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus

Road trip across the USA June 16-26, 2017, stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Youth ages 15-18 (by January 1 of the current year) meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly in the last few years, and there are already a handful of youth registered, so make sure that you do not delay in signing up to attend! The cost to attend is \$1,850 and registration closes January 15 or until 50 spaces are filled. Register at www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The 2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Form can be found by visiting <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479>, this is the only form that will be used for the 2017 4-H Scholarships. A list of scholarships available to apply for is scheduled to come out December 2016. Completed 2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarship forms will be due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25. If you have any questions please contact Christin.

National Festival of Breads 2017



The National Festival of Breads will take place June 17, 2017 in Manhattan, Ks. Do you enjoy baking bread or do you know someone who does? Develop an original recipe and enter now! This is for amateur bakers and the eight finalists come to Manhattan to bake their breads and learn about the wheat industry from farm to table. The contest is open to youth and adults. This is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to show off their baking skills and creativity! For more information and how to enter the contest, go to <http://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/>. Click on "Enter Now" to see the rules, entry form, prizes and more! Entries are due January 16, 2017.

Regional Opportunities

Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event

What: The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This event is open to youth ages 12-18 years old from all over the Northeast Area. Class leaders have planned amazing activities to help you develop your leadership skills. Our guest speaker is Jake Worcester, President/CEO of the Kansas 4-H Foundation.



When: The Northeast 4-H Leadership event will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2017, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration closes January 3, 2017. To register, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>.

Where: The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event will be held at the Riley County High School, 12451 Fairview Church Road, Riley, Kansas.

Who Can Attend: This event is open to ages 12 and up. There will be classes for volunteers/adults as well as youth delegates. The cost of the event is \$25 which includes the workshops, lunch, snacks, and t-shirt.

Why: If you're looking for a one day leadership experience where you can get great new ideas to take back to your club and meet new friends then you should plan to attend.

Led By: The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is created and coordinated by the Northeast Area Representatives of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

From Johnson County Fair Board – BUILDING USE GUIDELINES

Upon reviewing building use, cost of utilities, paper goods, trash removal etc. The Johnson County Fair Board voted to apply a utility fee for building usage. The following was approved at the November 17, 2016 fair board meeting.

The Johnson County Fair Association will charge the following usage fees for all Chartered Johnson County 4-H clubs, Johnson County Extension, county FFA programs a per month basis:

1st day of usage- free

Each additional day of use – 4 or less hours \$25.00, more than 4 hours \$40.00

Non chartered project clubs recognized by Johnson County Extension would not be given 1st Usage free but be charged as stated above.

The Johnson County Fair Association reserves the right to cancel reserved dates up to 30 days prior, unless club pays ½ of standard rental rate which will guarantee the rental date and time.

Building usage rules and guidelines:

Before leaving the building please complete the following:

*Tables and chairs, wiped clean of food, dirt, etc. put away in racks. Do not use for animal pens

*Floors swept and clean

*Bathrooms are picked up, toilets flushed, trash removed

*Empty trash into orange dumpsters outside

*Lights turned off, heat and air returned to original setting

*All doors locked and secure

*Return key to lock box

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE TASKS ABOVE WILL RESULT IN REVOKING YOUR PRIVILEGE TO USE THE BUILDING AND/OR LOSS OF YOUR DEPOSIT

REPORTER'S CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Comet Tech 4-H club was held on October 18, 2016. This was the first meeting of the new 4-H year. The club began with the installation of officers for the 2016-2017 4-H year. They are; Anthony as President; Preston as Vice President; Nicholas as Secretary; Zachary as Treasurer; Kennedy as Parliamentarian; Desiree as Historian; Seth as Reporter; David as Corresponding Secretary; Cole and Spencer as Health and Safety Officers; Matt and Connor as Wit and Wisdom reporters; and Amy, Zachary, Seth, and Anthony as County Council Representatives. Plans for a project meeting creating a Boxhatten town to learn about architecture was given by Spencer. Jim and Vicky Gunkel will be leading a Technology and a Leadership project involving Newton's laws. They will plan a service project for the community in technology with this project. The club voted to pay for the display for the technology project. Health and Safety officer Cole talked about lice. Wit and Wisdom reporter Matt talked about the harvest moon. The meeting was adjourned. For those interested in visiting Comet Tech 4-H Club, please come on the third Tuesday of the month at the Johnson County Extension Office; 11811 S Sunset Dr., Olathe, KS 66061, at 6:30 pm.

By Seth Gunkel, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



New 4H Year Kick Off Meeting of Prairie Star 4H Club

By Alli Butler, Prairie Star 4-H Club Reporter

The monthly meeting of Prairie Star 4H club kicked the 2016-2017 4H year off with a potluck meal, installation of officers and new guests on October 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Gardner. The club was fortunate to welcome new guests, Heather and Abby of Gardner along with Savannah, Yvette, Ashlynn and Alex. Alli and Mason, Charli and Gavin, Nolan and William, Acy, and Bayleigh welcomed the guests by participating in a presentation that offered more about 4H and the positive experiences that 4H can offer to our guests. The club also installed new officers for the upcoming 4H year with a 1980's retro-candy officer installation ceremony. The officers for the year that were inducted are: Lauren as President, Brady as Vice President, Kinsey as Secretary, Elly as Parliamentarian, Kara as Treasurer, Alli as Reporter, Acy as Corresponding Secretary, Charli as Historian, Mason, Nolan and Gavin as our Song leaders and Bayleigh and William as our Recreation leaders. Our song leaders passed out newly printed song books for the club to utilize during the meetings that are full of fun songs to choose from. The evening's selection was On Top of Spaghetti and the entire club participated in the fun. Our club leaders reminded us of upcoming events and dates. Our meeting ended with a crazy game of "Capture the Flag" and Alli, Charli and Gavin showing off their past Visual Arts project during the project spotlight. Our next meeting is scheduled on November 14, at 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Gardner and we are always welcoming new guests.



December

- 1 - Tail Waggers registration opens
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 26 - Christmas Day Observed, office closed
- 31 - Superintendents' Fair Book changes due to Amanda or Shelly Harrison and Champions List changes due to Christin

January

- 1 - Council Committee Sign-ups due online
- 2 - New Year's Day Observed, office closed
 - Tail Waggers registration due
- 3 - County Council meeting
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - New Family Orientation
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Northeast Area Leadership Event
- 25 - State 4-H Scholarships due to office
 - Club Day Registration & Payment due
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2016 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2016 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources 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 is now on Twitter!

Follow [@jocoks4h](https://twitter.com/jocoks4h).



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

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings. All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Amanda.

Upcoming meetings: **November 29** and **April 25**

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Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.)

Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.