

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2024 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2024 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be reenrolled by November 1, 2023. **If your family has not reenrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not reenrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2024 enrollments in 4-H Online will now be used.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

It's the beginning of the year, what should I be doing?

- ⇒ Put the 4-H Calendar on your refrigerator. The calendar can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.
- ⇒ Make sure your enrollment in 4-H Online is complete and up to date. (<http://v2.4honline.com>)
- ⇒ Set goals. Review Membership Pin Applications and discuss Project goals.
- ⇒ Print a Permanent Record to add to monthly. (www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html)

2024 4-H County Council Officers Announced

By Kyndal Romero, County Council Reporter

On Monday, November 6, the Johnson County 4-H County Council held its yearly officer election meeting. The new officers for the 2023-2024 year are as follows: President - Emily (Country Hearts), Vice President - Allyson (Morning Glory), Secretary - Ann'adele (Horse Club), Corresponding Secretary - Corinth (Great Plains), Treasurer - George (Happy Helpers), Reporter - Kyndal (Lucky Clover), Historians - Isla (Happy Helpers) and Kennedy (Prairie Moon), and Parliamentarian - Isaac (Country Hearts). These newly elected officers are excited to represent Johnson County 4-H!



(left to right) Corinth, Kyndal, Ann'adele, Emily, Allyson, George, Kennedy, and Isla
Not pictured: Isaac

Local Opportunities

County Council Meeting and Committee Information

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 p.m. Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m. starting December 4.

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 website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. ****As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee.**** If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Rock Springs Camps

Ready, set, register! Summer Camp 2024 registration is now open! Register by December 31 to receive a 10% early bird discount. For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Overnight Camp, Session 1, June 2-5, 2024.

There are a couple of new camps being offered this year.

- Mini-Camp—This is a shorter 3 day/2 night camp experience for 1st-3rd graders.
- Ranch Camp & Shooting Sports Camp—These week-long specialty camps are designed to build further skill development in campers' desired areas of growth.

Registration is also open for the Counselors in Training (CIT) and Leaders in Training (LIT) sessions. Both programs are free to current 9th-11th graders thanks to a generous donation to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Youth interested in attending either program at no cost can complete the Letter of Interest at bit.ly/CIT-Interest.

County Club Day

Cold weather keeping you indoors? Use this opportunity to plan and practice your presentations, musical pieces, and performances for the 2024 Club Day event. To help you prepare, check out the resources at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html and www.kansas4-h.org/projects/leadership-personal-development/communications.html. And remember, 4-H'ers who are 4-H age 9 and older that receive a purple ribbon for a Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Project Talk, or Poetry/Prose are eligible to enter in the Kansas State Fair. Johnson County 4-H Club Day will be held in February. More information will be shared at a later date.

Officer Training and Project Videos Available

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions.

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html for you to watch when you choose.

County Project Opportunities

Entomology Project Class

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join an Entomology project meeting on Saturday, December 9 at 1 p.m. at the Allen County Extension office. Please bring pinning board and supplies, and two insects to pin if you have them. Please contact Vicky at 620-804-9170 with any questions.

Countywide Sewing Project

Meetings are held at the Extension office every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will start up again on January 4. At the start of meetings in January, a couple projects will be done with sewers that are less experienced, then work will start on outfits to enter for the fair. If you are an experienced sewer and just want to have a dedicated time to sew you are more than welcome to come. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing project leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2024 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2024. Further details can be found at the link posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html under the Tail Waggers Dog Project heading or at <https://forms.gle/waVEBTFaSJyvtF7S7>.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Training sessions will be held weekly from January to May on Wednesdays for Showmanship and Obedience, and on Sundays for Agility. New Tail Waggers members must commit to attending all Obedience training sessions; as each week's lesson builds on prior training activities and are not conducive for part-time attendance. If you have questions, contact Donna Holloway at DonnaLHolloway@yahoo.com or 913-433-6752.

Celebrate 4-H with Holiday Activities



Explore hands-on activities to spark curiosity for the kids in your family with National 4-H this holiday season. The 4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide contains an array of fun activities, such as making ornaments, family story time, visual art projects, and many food recipes including a “cookie book” with more than 20 sweet holiday recipes to make together. The activity guide includes an additional area important during the holidays: service. Check out the Holiday Activity Guide at <https://4-h.org/clover/activity-guides/> for lots of festive activities.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Dog Judges Training and Certification will be January 26-28 in Leavenworth.

Citizenship in Action will be February 18-19 in Topeka.

4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar will be April 12 in Colby.

Discovery Days will be June 5-7 on the KSU campus in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 28-August 3 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 10 in Manhattan.

Kansas State Fair will be September 6-15 in Hutchinson.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Knitting Project

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Classes start at 7 p.m. and are held at the Extension office. Upcoming meeting dates are December 1 and 15, January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

YQCA Requirements

What is YQCA? Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, 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 and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 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.

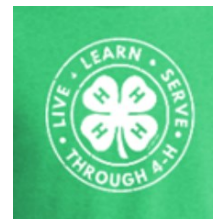
How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCAprogram.org. All registrations and payments are handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of 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.) Johnson County 4-H will hold two in-person trainings at the Extension office on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required to attend a training. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

State Opportunities

Order Kansas 4-H T-Shirts

Kansas 4-H T-shirts are available to order online at <https://tinyurl.com/2023KS4HTSHIRT>. There are two designs this year! Orders can be placed through December 1, 2023, and will be shipped before December 25, 2023. Group or club orders are a good idea to minimize shipping fees. The 4-H Youth Leadership Council thanks everyone for supporting them through this fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H pride!



Advice from Mr. 4-H, Noah Kwasiborski

Question: *What advice would you give a 7-year-old about having a successful 4-H career?*

I have two pieces of advice. First, try everything. Even if it's something that you're not specifically interested in, just do it! Some of my favorite projects have been in areas that I don't normally find interesting! Second, is dive all of the way in! I think 4-H is a program that gives you what you put into it!

State Opportunities

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, at the K-State campus in Salina. A schedule of events is located on the 4-H Horse Panorama website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html. 4-H Horse Project members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

Horse Bowl encourages young people to develop knowledge of equine-related subject matter. This contest develops alertness, self-confidence, and knowledge in a competitive setting, surrounded by an attitude of friendliness and fairness. Hippology is an educational activity for youth who wish to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a friendly, competitive setting. This contest enhances decision-making and provides an opportunity for the participants to work cooperatively with others.

Virtual contests for 2024 will be Photography, Logo Design, Ad Layout, Poster, and PowerPoint. Participants in virtual contests need not be present at Horse Panorama to participate in the virtual contests. Members participating only in virtual contests will not be charged a registration fee. More information about the virtual contest can be found on the 4-H Horse Panorama website.

New for 2024! A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore Hippology. Adults who volunteer to assist with the day's events can register at a reduced rate.

Adults and youth attending must register by January 2, 2024. Payment must be made by check. A registration link is posted on the 4-H Horse Panorama website.

Junior Beef and Sheep Producer Days

Registration is now open for Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day held at K-State's Weber Hall in Manhattan. The junior producer day events are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of beef and/or sheep youth livestock projects, as well as a variety of aspects related to the animal science industry. Each day is dedicated to one species. Online registration information is listed below. All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults. You must register by the deadline to receive a T-shirt.

In addition to the junior producer day events, an instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need to indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. Then, more specific details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be communicated with only those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.

A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be hosted at the end of each junior producer day for those who are interested. It will be offered for parents concurrently with the YQCA class. So, the adults can come learn about the state nomination process, while the kids go earn their YQCA certification for the 2024 year!

Finally, there will potentially be an option for families who are participating in Junior Sheep Producer Day to tour the K-State Sheep and Meat Goat Center before or after that event. If that is something that interests you, please watch your email for details as March 16 gets closer!

<u>K-State Junior Beef Producer Day</u>	<u>K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day</u>
Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024	Date: Saturday, March 16, 2024
Registration Deadline: February 12	Registration Deadline: February 26
Cost: \$20/person by February 12 (\$25/person after February 12)	Cost: \$20/person by February 26 (\$25/person after February 26)
*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 12 to receive a T-shirt.	*Registration must be RECEIVED by February 26 to receive a T-shirt.
*Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND	*Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

REPORTER'S CORNER

Pumpkin Pattern Perfection

By Eli Bitar, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

At the October meeting of the Morning Glory 4-H club, ten members participated in the club's annual pumpkin carving and decorating contest. Votes were placed for best pumpkin in each of the two divisions. Participants showed amazing creativity and personality through their pumpkin entries.



Winners: Allyson R. (left, best decorated) and Drake H. (right, best carved)

Enchanted Forest

By Morena deKeijzer and Aubrey Dunmeyer, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporters

Fun, fun and more fun. On October 26 the Prairie Moon 4-H club went to Sar-Ko-Par Trails park for Enchanted Forest. Enchanted Forest had many fun things to do including Halloween displays, face painting and FOOD. Together as a club we had a place where we sold hot dogs, hamburgers and some awesome, festive fall drinks. But it wasn't just as easy as giving a hot dog and some



apple cider to someone. We had to work very hard and together. While someone was taking orders another was getting the items for that order. Most of the time the adults were in the back, cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. Some others got together the buns and made sure there was cheese on it if it was a cheeseburger. Lastly, we would give it to the customer. Even though this was a lot of work everyone had fun serving and spending time with their friends and even making new ones.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Pioneer Seasonal Spirit

By Emma Burns, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

This month Pioneer 4-Hers were busy volunteering. Two outreaches with 20+ volunteers were jubilantly accomplished. One was Operation Christmas Child and the other, De Soto Food Pantry. Pioneer 4-Hers enjoy giving of their time and resources to benefit others in the area and the world. This November, Pioneer 4-H compassionately gave gifts to children by packing boxes with useful items for children in other countries, who had no presents. On November 7, 4-Hers gathered to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes. Eight Pioneer 4-Hers packed 4 boxes containing items such as stuffies, crayons, coloring books, and hygiene products. The boxes were sent to the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center and will then make their journey to children around the world, who have no gifts at Christmastime. Now the gift-less children will have a merrier Christmas this year.



Additionally, we helped pack Thanksgiving food bags for less fortunate families in De Soto. On November 16, Pioneer 4-Hers again diligently gathered to give back to their community by assisting in packing Thanksgiving bags at the De Soto Food Pantry. This outreach is for families in the local community, who may not have enough food for a Thanksgiving feast this year. The bags consisted of stuffing, green beans, yams, pie filling, etc. Now less fortunate families can enjoy Thanksgiving in 2023. Pioneer is a community service-based club, which has many outreaches. From boxes for Operation Christmas Child, to bags for De Soto Food Pantry, Pioneer 4-Hers let their holiday spirit be felt all around for their community, and their world.



Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

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.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Izzy Martinez, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo Horse Club had another great meeting on November 1st! At our meeting, we planned for multiple upcoming events, including our December meeting's holiday party. We had a roll call question, which was what is everyone's favorite thing to do with horses and three people said some sort of rodeo events and one each for trail riding, riding in general, Roman riding, Trick riding, and ground work days. At the end of our meeting, Scarlett S. presented her project on Indian Horses, giving us many facts on who and how they got their horses and showed us what different symbols meant. We can't wait for everything we've planned so far this year!



Blue River Wranglers Install New Officers

By Keaton Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

At the end of the October 2023 club meeting, selected people were installed as officers. Two community leaders, Ryan Bragg and Kevin Heikes led the new officer installation. Officers were asked to hold a candle as a symbol of recognition and recite the responsibilities of their new positions. The President was installed, Legacy M. Then, the Vice President, Kate H. lit her candle from the President to be installed. Next, Raegan N. lit her candle from Kate and was installed. Finally, Hope A. lit her candle and was installed as Treasurer.

As all candles were lit, other members in the club with responsibilities came up to acknowledge their new positions. The installation ceremony ended with the 4H motto "To make the best better."



December

- 1 - Kansas 4-H T-shirt orders due, online
 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
- 9 - Entomology class, Allen Co. Extension office
- 15 - Countywide Knitting Group
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 25-31 - Christmas Holiday, office closed
- 31 - Rock Springs Camp Registration Discount ends

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
- 2 - County Council meeting
 - Horse Panorama Registration due
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - Tail Waggers Dog Training Registration due
- 10 - Tail Waggers Orientation meeting, JoCo Fairgrounds, (preregistration required)
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 12 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 26-28 - Dog Judge Training/Certification, Leavenworth, (preregistration required)
- 27 - Horse Panorama, Salina (preregistration required)

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2024 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 or holiday please check the 2024 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.

Leader Update

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2023. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2023-2024 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Christin Bartels.

Join Johnson County 4-H Club Leaders and Staff on BAND

If you are not already on the Johnson County 4-H BAND Page, we would love to have you join us! BAND can be downloaded as an app or used on your web browser and functions similarly to Facebook, in a private, invite only platform. Find handy attachments, documents, updated events, share ideas with Club Leaders and Extension Staff easily and post photos! Go to <https://band.us/n/a6a195t1E1sbl> for the invite code to join. If you have any questions contact Lexi at Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Please take time to review the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

Families with Financial Difficulties

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.