

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## **Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information**

All market animals including steers, pigs, sheep, goats and market heifers must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the respective Spring Show date in order to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. Any female animal being shown in a market class is **REQUIRED** to have an EID tag. The cost for this year's Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 each.

Johnson County Extension staff will be on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Spring Livestock Shows to facilitate the purchasing and tagging process. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

### **Remaining Dates Tagging will take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds**

May 31 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only

June 1 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only

June 2 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only

### **Last Day that each species can be tagged to be eligible for Jo Co 4-H Fair**

Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 1

Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 2

*\*The tagging deadline for Beef has passed.\**

Animals tagged after these dates will **ONLY** be allowed to show in open class at county fair (**UNLESS** prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent). Any animal needing tagged following the specie's deadline will need to contact the Extension office.

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a date other than listed above and prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office. **Special tagging requests will be handled situation by situation.** If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to find transport options for that animal. Please contact Lexi at [Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org](mailto:Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org) or 913-715-7000 if you have any further questions.

# Important Horse & Livestock Project Deadlines

## **Johnson Co. Fair 4-H Horse Show & Ks State Fair 4-H Horse Show**

**Johnson County Fair**— 4-H members must properly identify their horse either by (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).* \*\*

**Horseless Horse Project** - 4-H members participating in the Horseless Horse Project must turn in a completed Johnson County 4-H Horseless Horse Certificate to the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).

**Kansas State Fair**— 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project must meet three requirements in order to be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. One of the requirements is the horse must be properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. This can be accomplished by either (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate signed by the local 4-H Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. *\*\*Whichever identification method is chosen, the 4-H member must either have a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo office by 5 p.m. on May 31, 2024 (since June 1 is a Saturday).* \*\*

**3-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project Nominations** - The 3-year-old snaffle bit project nomination/ID Certificate is to be postmarked on or before June 1 along with a \$10 fee. Nominations are made through the JoCo 4-H office and then sent to the State 4-H office, so plan ahead. More information about the 3-year-old snaffle bit project is in the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, which is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html).

All forms can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. Note that it must only be one page (front and back). Please also take time to review the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, a link to it is posted at the website above.

## **Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to Kansas Livestock Nominations and the process can be found at [www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 10 for more information about YQCA Certification.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 17-18 in Manhattan.

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

**Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be October 2-13.

**48 Hours of 4-H** will be October 12-13.

# For Your Information

## Get to Know Cyla

As was announced in the May issue of Clover Clips, our second 4-H agent, Cyla Gardner, will be starting June 10. To get to know more about her, we asked her a couple fun questions and here are her answers!

### **What was your favorite 4-H experience?**

*My favorite 4-H experience was attending Citizenship Washington Focus at the National 4-H building and meeting 4-H members from other states! It was so much fun to learn more about agriculture and 4-H from a different perspective. After CWF, we went to New York City and got to experience all the tourist attractions, Times Square, Broadway, and ate lots of good food for a couple of days. I loved making new friends from other states and gaining so many great memories from traveling with my county 4-H friends!*

### **What are you most looking forward to as a Johnson County 4-H Agent?**

*I am most looking forward to returning back to my roots and getting to be a part of everything 4-H stands for and the organization overall again! 4-H played such a huge role in my life growing up and I am grateful to get to be a part of that experience for other members. I am also really excited to start during summer and fair season since my own 4-H memories over the summer and at fair hold such a special place in my heart. I am so excited to meet all the members and families of Johnson County 4-H and can't wait to see what the future holds!*

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## **New Procedure to Request County Council Funds**

Requesting funds from county council is now done through Google Forms, in addition to the request made at a council meeting. Those that are requesting funds for experiences such as State Events, Shooting Sports Training Reimbursement, 4-H National Congress and International Trips, etc. will use the "4-H Council Funding Request" form. If there is a family that is in need of assistance due to financial burden there is the "Financial Burden Request for Funds" form. This form will be reviewed confidentially by Extension staff, edited for privacy, then forwarded to the Project Support and Scholarship Committee for review. All awards will be dependent on funding and approval. Links to these forms are posted on the 4-H Council website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html).

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## **Open Class Superintendents Needed**

The Johnson County Fair Open Class is in need of assistance. If you are interested in helping as a superintendent for Open Class projects, they would like to hear from you! Please email Don Lies at [pipegod12@gmail.com](mailto:pipegod12@gmail.com) if you are interested or for more details.

Departments in need of a superintendent are: Ceramics, Crafts, Photography, Structured Living, and Woodworking.

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## **Johnson County Fair Parade**

The 2024 Johnson County Fair Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, in Gardner and will follow the route of Madison St. to Center St. to Shawnee St. For more information contact Don Lies with the Johnson County Fair Association at [pipegod12@gmail.com](mailto:pipegod12@gmail.com).

# Fair Edition

## **Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry Fair Exhibitors**

Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Clean state. The Johnson County 4-H Fair Book states that all poultry (chickens, turkeys, and guineas) must show proof of negative Pullorum-Typhoid testing at check-in. Testing is generally completed at least 2 weeks prior to exhibition start date. The exception is birds that are less than 90 days old.

**Available Testing:** Johnson County 4-H will be hosting a testing site on Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-noon in the Livestock Pavilion. A fee of \$5 per family will be collected. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## **Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up**

The Johnson County Fair relies on volunteers for a successful fair and clubs are expected to support the event by helping with the clean-up before, during, and after fair. The schedule with each club's work day is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html). If you as a club member cannot make your club's assigned time, please come on an alternate date and help another club. Also, please bring the appropriate cleaning supplies necessary for your club to clean your area. Each club should bring brooms as every building will need swept. Teen 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to bring a Weed Eater if they would like to assist with trimming around buildings and fences during clean up days.

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## **2024 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book**

An electronic version of the 2024 Johnson County Fair Book will be available to view soon at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html).

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## **Johnson County 4-H Fair Book Updates**

Following are updates to the 2024 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

(\*\*\*Updates since the May issue of Clover Clips are in **GREEN**.\*\*\*)

- The following departments' name has changed to match Kansas 4-H projects and the Kansas State Fair
  - **Clothing Construction** is now **Sewing & Textile Design**
  - **Energy Management** is now **Electric and Small Engines**
  - **Fashion Revue** is now **Shopping in Style**
  - **Home Environment** is now **Interior Design & Architecture**
  - **Plant Science** is now **Agronomy, Forestry, and Horticulture**
  - **Public Presentations** is now **Communications**
  - **STEM** has been broken down into these individual departments: **Ag Mechanics Welding, Building Block Engineering, Astronomy / Uncrewed Aircraft Systems, and Aerospace / Rocketry**
  - **Technology & Computers** is now **Computer Science and Robotics**
- **Art** entries are limited to a maximum of 3 exhibits total.
- **Fiber Arts** conference judging is limited to 1 item.
- **Foods and Nutrition** judging will end at 7 p.m. on Monday.
- **Interior Design & Architecture** entries will be due July 1 and project check-in and judging will take place on Saturday, July 20 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Project check-in will be at 1 p.m. All projects must be transported and taken back in the same day by the participant. Projects must be out of the space by 3:30 p.m. that day. (More information will be coming on how to sign-up for conference judging.)
- **Shopping in Style** class Everything Under \$15 is now Everything Under \$20!

# Fair Edition

## **County Fair Entries**

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due the Wednesday before fair week (July 24). All entries for Dog, Interior Design & Architecture, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style will 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 project judged in the 4-H division.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit stall requests and tag numbers by the Wednesday before fair (July 24). 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 member's name who is exhibiting the animal by the July 24 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system typically opens in early June and is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com). **Note:** Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. 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 an entry is not an option.

**All entries including livestock must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.**

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## **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. Mr. and Miss 4-H support and participate in county events and activities throughout the year including Fair and promote Johnson County 4-H in the community. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (before January 1, 2024) are eligible to apply. More information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html). The application is also posted at the above website and is due June 28. Interviews will be held at the Extension office on the evening of July 17.

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## **Food and Clothing Labels**

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html) to print off at home, or they can be picked up at the Extension office.

Clothing labels can be made by printing in ink on a 3" x 2½" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age, and Level.

Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

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## **Departmental Forms**

Some departments such as Electric, Shopping in Style, and Aerospace/Rocketry require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html). Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

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## **Entering Quilts in the Fair**

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

# Fair Edition

## **Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves**

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for purchase. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase as photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photos to the fairgrounds for judging. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up at the Extension office and they are also posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html) to print at home.

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## **4-H Foods Judging**

The judging for 4-H Foods and Nutrition will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-7 p.m. on Monday, July 29. (Participants in the Dog or Horse Shows may come for judging from 12:30-1:30 p.m.) As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure to check out the “4-H Foods Entry Tips for Fair” and the “Frosting & Filling Guidelines for the Johnson County Fair” documents posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html).

For food preservation entries, remember to 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 due to food safety issues. If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office at 913-715-7000 or [foodhelp@jocogov.org](mailto:foodhelp@jocogov.org).

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## **Cloverbuds Show and Share**

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, July 30. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at a later date. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit [www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/).

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## **Project Check-in and Judging**

Project check-in will be Monday evening (July 29) from 6:30-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning (July 30) from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Plan on arriving before 10 a.m. on Tuesday to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

We will again be using SignUpGenius for families to select a conference judging time slot for 4-H'ers. The link to the sign-ups will be posted at a later date on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html).

Projects for departments judged before fair have their own judging schedule. Families enrolled in the corresponding projects in 4-H Online will receive information detailing judging for these departments.

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## **4-H Food Stand**

The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during fair on your club's assigned day. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration.

# Fair Edition

## **Livestock T-shirts**

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association will have a new t-shirt design this year. Please complete the form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAWPGfdaAIkpHfRnVOXLah\\_6T\\_Xq0YbgRCJRFILyGFLBHZtg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAWPGfdaAIkpHfRnVOXLah_6T_Xq0YbgRCJRFILyGFLBHZtg/viewform?usp=sf_link) to submit your family's request for t-shirts by July 24. One t-shirt per 4-H'er is free, additional t-shirts are \$10 each.

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## **Livestock and Project Auctions**

See the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section or the 4-H Project Auction section in the 4-H Fair Book for more details about the Livestock Auction and Project Auction.

**Livestock Auction:** In order to sell their livestock, exhibitors must turn in auction forms and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form by 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Project Auction:** Project auction entry forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday in the 4-H Building. No late entries will be accepted. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

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## **State Fair Entries**

4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a corresponding department at the State Fair. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2024. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the 4-H Building from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 1. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. on August 8. **Please note:** beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1. These projects have a separate entry process.

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## **Barnyard Olympics Competition**

Please join the Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors on Friday, August 2 at 9 p.m. or immediately following the 4-H Project Auction in the Livestock Pavilion for the annual Barnyard Olympics competition. This event is a timed, barnyard-themed obstacle course and is open to everyone! Teams must have four members and 4-H membership is not a requirement. Team sign-ups and a \$10 team entry fee will be collected at the 4-H Ambassador Booth before the event. 100% of the entry fee goes towards scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend state events and camps and for the promotion of the 4-H program throughout the county. Please join us for a barnyard load of fun on August 2!

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## **Project Pick Up**

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 4. All remaining exhibits will be released after the church service which usually concludes around 8:45 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make prior arrangements with another 4-H family to pick up their entries on Sunday morning.** 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.

Premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that all 4-H exhibitors and their families help with fair clean-up. Requested corrections to premium checks must be submitted to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. on Sunday.

# Local Opportunities

## **Girl Scout Merit Badge Workshop**

The Johnson County Extension Master Gardeners will host a gardening workshop on June 8 for 4th- and 5th-grade students, as well as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts working on their Gardening Merit Badges. Learn gardening basics, visit a demonstration garden, design a butterfly garden, and more. Class fee is \$8 and registration is required. Register at [tinyurl.com/2uf72ew3](https://tinyurl.com/2uf72ew3).

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## **Johnson County 4-H Scholarships**

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2024 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/), under County/State Opportunities. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024. Please help us spread the word of this opportunity to any Johnson County 4-H alumni from within the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years.

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## **Wonders of Discovery Volunteer Opportunity**

Help our community learn about the wonders of pollination and its importance at this family-friendly event on June 21 at the Pollinator Prairie in Olathe in conjunction with National Pollinator Week. Volunteers will be playing games with all of the kids that stop by our booth as well as giving them information about Johnson County 4-H! Sign up for a shift at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-48866897-wonders#//](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAFB6-48866897-wonders#/)

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## **Kids in the Kitchen Summer Cooking Camp**

During this three-day summer camp, participants will learn new skills in the kitchen and then enjoy tasting the results. The first session will be June 25-27, for youth ages 7-10 and the second session will be July 9-11, for youth ages 11-15. Each session costs \$50 per camper and is held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/).

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## **Leadership Day Camp**

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a Leadership Day Camp for all youth, ages 8-12 (including non-4-H'ers) on Monday, July 8, from 1-5 p.m. at the Extension office. During this camp participants will engage in fun activities and games that will build leadership and teamwork skills. A \$15 registration fee will cover material costs and snacks. Registration is required at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events) and space is limited.

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## **Kansas 4-H Project Report Resources**

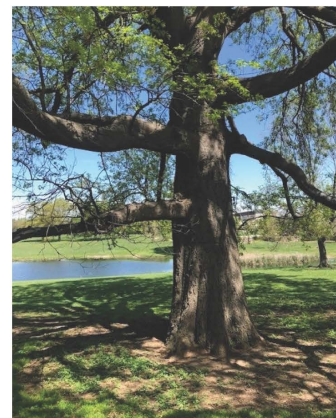
Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Reports. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html). Informational slides from our local training are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html).





# JUNIOR EXTENSION MASTER NATURALIST

## Welcome, 4-H'ers!



Explore and discover the natural environment around Johnson County with fun, hands-on experiences! Each session will focus on different aspects of nature, led by Extension Master Naturalist volunteers.

Dress to get dirty! Ages 7-14. Class fee is \$5.



[tinyurl.com/JoCoJEMN](https://tinyurl.com/JoCoJEMN)

913-715-7000

**Johnson County K-State  
Research and Extension**  
11811 S Sunset Dr, Suite 1500  
Olathe, KS 66061

- How to Read Nature**  
Saturday, June 8 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Kill Creek Park
- Wildlife & Habitats**  
Saturday, June 22 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Ernie Miller Nature Center
- Rocks & Fossils**  
Saturday, July 13 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Lake Olathe
- The Importance of Water**  
Saturday, July 27 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Millcreek Streamway Park
- Trees & Me**  
Saturday, August 10 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Overland Park Arboretum

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# County Project Opportunities

## **Countywide Sewing Project**

Meetings are held at the Extension office every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through July. Less experienced sewers will work on projects 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](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there!

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## **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 will be held in the Open Class Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Upcoming meeting dates are June 7 and July 5. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah, countywide knitting project leader, at [kallansrudSarah@gmail.com](mailto:kallansrudSarah@gmail.com). Sarah can also be reached by phone/text at 913-418-6030.

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## **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](http://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 an in-person training at the Extension office on 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](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

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## **Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training and Shows**

Dog Club training has begun with youth working on obedience, agility, showmanship, and rally-O. Training meetings are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner on Monday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.

The remaining 2024 Johnson County 4-H Dog Club dog shows are as follows: Invitational Show - June 22, and Rally-O & Agility Show - July 13. All shows are held at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner.

For more information about training or the dog shows, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/jocoks4hdogclub/home>.

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## **Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show**

An informational flyer and entry form for the Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html). The event will be held on Saturday, June 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Preregistration is due by June 24. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.



## **Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!**

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes, at the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add Communications to your fair entries this year! 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.

# State Opportunities

## **Kansas 4-H State Fair Fix-up Days**

Kansas 4-H will have two buildings with exhibits at the Kansas State Fair starting in 2024. This means there is some cleaning and rearranging to do. There will be two workdays in June to help get some of this work done. Can you help?

Youth (a supervising adult must accompany) and adults may help on June 12 and/or June 13. You do NOT have to attend both days. Work will start at 9:30 a.m. and finish by 3:30 p.m. Painting, exhibit case moving, and all around fixing up will need to be done. This would be a great opportunity for a club to do community service together or for youth needing "state-level" service for their record books.

Lunch will be included! Please register at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bIvAExDQLC KUku](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bIvAExDQLC KUku) to get a count of how many to expect and to know if there are any special dietary needs.

## **Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic**

The 2024 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Youth Swine Classic will be July 12-13 at the Riley County Fairgrounds in CiCo Park in Manhattan. This two-day event is comprised of educational opportunities, including a swine skillathon, photography contest, showmanship, and a prospect and market hog show. All Kansas youth ages 7 and older are invited to exhibit. Entries must be submitted online by 5 p.m. on June 24. Payment needs to be postmarked by June 24 as well. Show details and the entry link may be found at [www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/swineclassic.html).

## **Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo**

The 2024 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be held on Monday, August 12 in Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan, KS. This event is a fun, educational, and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/horticulture projects to participate.

Lunch and refreshments are sponsored, and tours will be available. This year's tours include the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. Eight contests are open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. The cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open June 1 online at <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>. Preregistration is required by July 25. For more information visit the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo website at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/).

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **A Growing Club**

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H club is slowly growing. This means that more members are joining the club. Right now the Happy Helpers 4-H club has 19 members. In a recent meeting there were also 2 visitors. Last year, the club did not have nearly as many members as it does now. This is exciting news!

Having extra members allows the club to have a larger impact on the entire community. Some places that the club has helped at include: Turnstyles, Giving the Basics, and a talent show at Evergreen Nursing home. This is nice because more things can be done in a certain amount of time with a larger group of people than a smaller one.



Also, more members allows the club to gain more participation and awards for events like Club Days and the County Fair. At Club Day this year the club received: 2 Cloverbud Ribbons, 3 Red Ribbons, 12 Blue Ribbons, and 24 Purple Ribbons. Of those, they received 14 Top Purples and 5 Alternate Top placements to represent Johnson County at Regional Club Day.

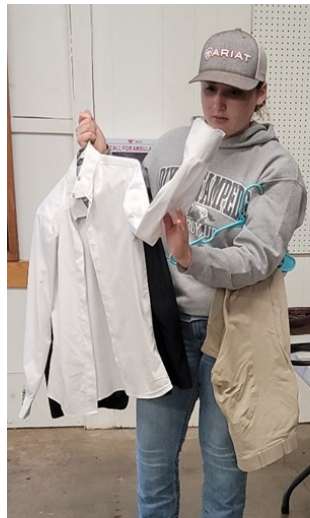
The Happy Helpers 4-H club is growing and is excited to participate in more 4-H experiences.

Part of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club smiling after a nursing home talent show

## **Johnson County 4-H Horse Club**

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

The JoCo 4-H Horse Club had a great meeting on May 1st! We hosted our meeting with the JoCo 4-H Rustlers club! Once the meeting ended, we shared snacks and we had an amazing presentation from Ann'adele K. on English riding attire and tack. An update as well on our Turn & Burn Buckle Series is that we had to cancel our 2nd race, and our current reschedule date is June 9th. Our current schedule for the series is having our last two races on June 8th and June 9th. The date of June 9th may change, but that is our current plan. You don't have to have a horse to come to our races though! You can come out to watch and support our club through the food truck that will be there! Anyways, we can't wait for these upcoming months with our races and fair!



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## The Dog Show

By Brooklyn Walters, Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Reporter

We had our first dog show Saturday, April 27. It was our club's graduation show where we could show off the dog's and kids' hard work. Thank you to our judges, Rachel and Stephanie. They gave us good advice on things to work on for the next show. Our next show is the Invitational Show on Saturday, June 22.



On Saturday May 4th, the Country Hearts and Lucky Clover 4-H clubs shared an exchange meeting and community service activity. They met at the extension office and made animal toys together. The toys will be donated to a local animal shelter. The members had a great time working together!

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



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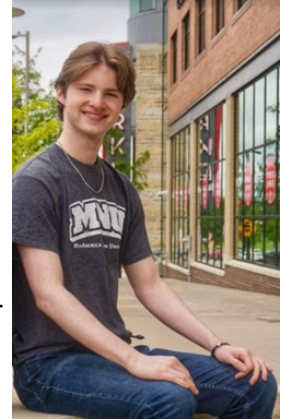
## **And So, The Adventure Begins...**

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

We're celebrating several graduating seniors! I asked them two questions: "What was your favorite thing about 4-H?" and "What are you doing next?" Here are their responses!



Ruby—My favorite part of 4-H was the County Fair. I loved entering foods and crafts and walking around the fairgrounds with friends. In the fall I will be attending Olivet Nazarene University and studying business.

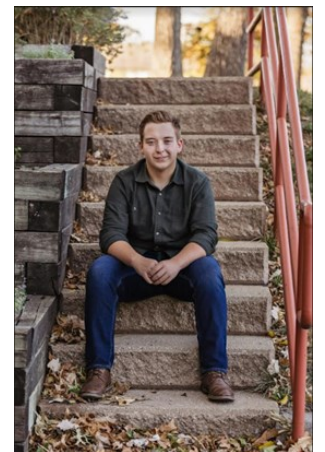


Stephen—Socializing with friends in the club was probably my favorite thing. My favorite project was ceramics. I plan to attend MidAmerica Nazarene University as a member of their Innovation Academy while studying business. I hope to pursue a double major. I also will keep on working at Red Door in Overland Park.

Photo Credit: Sara Scarbrough



Ryan—My favorite thing about 4-H is the emphasis on creating friendships and establishing communities. I've made tons of friends through different projects, the Fair, County and Regional Club days, our club plays, and dances, running the 4-H food stand, and club activities like hayrides, campouts, and talent shows. Over the many years I've participated in 4-H, I have made numerous friendships, in my own club and others. I will be attending K-State University in the fall. While there, I will be majoring in Industrial Engineering.



Josiah—Favorite thing was Shooting Sports!!  
Josiah will be taking Graphic Design classes at JCCC.

## **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.

## June

- 1 - Morning tagging for Spring Goat & Sheep Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
  - Last day Goat & Sheep Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 2 - Morning tagging for Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
  - Last day Swine & Bucket Calf Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
- 7 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 8 - YQCA Training, office (preregistration required)
- 14 - JoCo 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
  - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goat Nominations due, online
  - YQCA Certification deadline for JoCo Fair
- 19 - Juneteenth, office closed
- 21 - Wonders of Discovery, Pollinator Prairie
- 22 - Poultry P-T Testing, JoCo fairgrounds
- 25-27 - Cooking Camp for ages 7-10 (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Mr. & Miss 4-H Applications due

## July

- 1 - Entries for Dog, Interior Design & Architecture, Sewing & Textile Design, and Shopping in Style due
  - County Council meeting
- 4 - Independence Day, office closed
- 5 - Countywide Knitting Group meeting
- 8 - Ambassador Leadership Camp, (preregistration required)
- 9-11 - Cooking Camp for ages 11-15 (pre-registration required)
- 17 - Mr. & Miss 4-H Presentations/Interviews, office
- 20 - Sewing & Textile Design, Shopping in Style, and Interior Design & Architecture judging, Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- 24 - Entries due for exhibits judged during fair
  - JoCo Fair Stall Requests & Tag Numbers due
  - Fair Livestock T-shirt Orders due, online
- 29 - Evening project Check-in (6:30-9 p.m.)
- 30 - Morning project Check-in (8-10 a.m.)
  - Cloverbuds Show and Share, 4-H Building

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Christin at [Christin.Bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:Christin.Bartels@jocogov.org).

# Leader Update

## **4-H Online Enrollment for New Families**

The 4-H Online system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4-H Online. A step by step brochure to help new families enroll is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). As always, if you have any questions about the 4-H Online system do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

## **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](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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.