

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Kansas 4-H Scholarships Application Deadline March 1!

Applications for 2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters and references is March 1, 2023. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. Listed on this website is the scholarship application link, recommendation letter link and the required files that you will need to submit in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Food Fare

Food Fare will be held on Friday, March 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. This event is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "Decades of Time."

Food Fare attendees will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your family would like to attend Food Fare, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3YOoAGk> and we encourage you to bring a friend or someone new to 4-H! This is a free event, however we do ask that attendees bring nonperishable food items that will be donated to a local food bank. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

And the Winner is...

The winner of the Johnson County Fair theme and book art contest is Iris F. from the Great Plains 4-H Club with the theme "A Truckload of Kansas Fun"! She will receive a fair concession stand gift card and arena passes.

Congratulations, Iris!



Johnson County 4-H'ers' Talents Shine at Club Day

Good Day for 4-H Club Day

By Joshua Eflin, 4-H County Council Reporter

The 2023 Johnson County 4-H Club Day was held at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner, Ks. on Saturday, February 11. Approximately 120 4-H members competed in public speaking, music, dance, acting, and demonstration competitions. Many hours of preparation went into writing, practicing, and performing these events. The top winners in each category will go on to compete at regionals at the end of March.

There were also judging opportunities to participate in. A judging activity is an opportunity to use your knowledge to evaluate and make decisions about various items. For the Horticulture Judging Activity, you had the opportunity to identify various plants as well as to choose the best groupings of plants. For the FACS (Family and Consumer Sciences) judging you had the opportunity to identify several spices and evaluate the best way to remove a grease stain from clothing.

The 4-H Ambassadors sold concessions to raise money to support their community 4-H events. Many club members volunteered to set up and check people into their events. This year's Club Day was a success.

Club Day Judging Activity Results

Horticulture - 58 4-H'ers learned more about plant science by participating in the judging contest at County Club Day. Participants had to identify 15 plant samples and play judge by ranking exhibits. This contest was an example of the state horticulture judging contest. If you are interested in learning more about the state horticulture judging contest or other judging opportunities, please contact the Extension office.

Congratulations to these high scorers:

Senior: 1st-Josiah Y. (Great Plains); 2nd-Alexis F. (Prairie Moon); 3rd-Gloria B. (Great Plains)

Intermediate: 1st (*with a perfect score!*)-Emily K. (Country Hearts); 2nd-Isabella Y. (Great Plains); 3rd-Katie H. (Oxford Hustlers)

Junior: 1st (*with a perfect score!*)-Torin D. (Great Plains); 2nd-Benjamin B. (Great Plains); 3rd-Quincy D. (Country Hearts)

Family and Consumer Sciences - FCS 4-H judging contests allow 4-H'ers to practice the life skills of decision making on facts, apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing situations, develop and strengthen reasoning ability, and demonstrate the ability to organize thoughts. This year's contest at County Club Day had 49 4-H'ers participating in judging topics that included spice identification, whole grain identification, clothing donations, clothing stain removal, currency identification, and counting money back.

Congratulations to these high scorers:

Senior/Intermediate: 1st-Gloria B. (Great Plains); 2nd-Katie H. (Oxford Hustlers)

Junior: 1st-Kennedy N. (Country Hearts); 2nd-Quincy D. (Country Hearts)

For those that participated, don't forget to include the activity in your record book.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who made 2023 Club Day a huge success! To ALL of the volunteers, including judges and the Club Day committee, you are so appreciated. Thank you to the Ambassadors and their families for providing concessions for families throughout the day. Thank you to 4-H'ers and families for being patient and flexible as the day can be very long. Thank you to our Extension Agents for providing FACS and horticulture judging opportunities for 4-H'ers. And thank you to the 4-H team for all the hard work and dedication it takes to put this event together. Registrations were up 37% this year from last year and we are so proud of the 20+ 4-H'ers and teams/clubs that will be advancing to Regional Club Day on March 25. Congratulations to all!

For results please visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html.

Important Deadlines

Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and be approved in 4-H Online to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4-H Online by simply clicking the Edit button in the Projects tab within the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

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. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. 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/.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 4 for more information about YQCA Certification.

Johnson County 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. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either 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 June 1, 2023.***

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 June 1, 2023.

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 these 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. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either 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 June 1, 2023.***

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.

All forms can be found at 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.

County Project Opportunities

YQCA Requirements

Johnson County 4-H will hold in-person trainings at the Extension office on Saturday, **March 4** and Saturday, **May 13**. All trainings begin at 11 a.m.

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?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goats, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2023, in order to exhibit at the fair.

Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 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. A copy of the YQCA certificate must be submitted during the nomination process.

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

Archery SPIN Club Enrollment

Online registration for Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 13. The registration link will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html. A \$40 equipment fee will be required during online registration. This fee is for use of all the equipment, including bows, arrows, targets, stands, arm guard, finger protection, etc. Focus of the SPIN Club will be on beginning archery, but those that have more advanced skills are also welcome to register. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for perhaps joining the Match Practice group during summer. The match practice group has limited space available.



Archery SPIN will meet 5 times on Sunday afternoons beginning April 16. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS. Dates/times are tentatively set for April 16, 23, 30, May 7, and 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. In the event of bad weather, make-up days may be added during the week. Participants must be there for the first meeting since most safety topics will be covered that day. Class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Participants do not need to be current 4-H members but must be between 4-H ages of 8-18 (age before January 1, 2023). Previous years' participants that are not a member of Archery Match Practice group may take the class again. This is the only opportunity to get this instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Registrations could fill up quickly. If you attempt to sign up and see an announcement the class is full, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office to get on a waiting list. In addition to the equipment fee, participants will be required to fill out a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form as needed. Contact Arn Eccles at arneccles@gmail.com for more information about the class or contact the Johnson County 4-H office about getting registered. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after registration has closed.

County Project Opportunities

Introductory Entomology Class

Are you interested in the Entomology Project but don't know where to start? Beginning this project can be a bit overwhelming, so you're invited to an introductory class on Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Vicky Wallace, a state entomology volunteer and specialist will be giving a presentation on everything you need to know to get started; including supplies, equipment, collecting, storing, identifying, and pinning your insects for exhibit. All levels of experience are encouraged to attend, from beginning to advanced. Our Johnson County 4-H Fair Entomology Superintendent, Sara Eccles will be present to help answer questions, as well as Johnson County 4-H'ers that have many years of experience in the project. There will be examples of insect exhibits and collecting and pinning supplies on-hand for you to see.

Learn More About Kansas 4-H Projects

4-H Clover Classroom is an online classroom to help youth explore 4-H projects and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the different project areas within Kansas 4-H. The online activities have been developed for different skill levels. For example, even if you've never done photography before, the lesson will give you some things to get you started in photography. Some of the initial activities include getting to know your camera; learning about pollinators in the garden; and knowing the differences between quick bread and yeast bread. The lessons that are currently available are based on the most popular 4-H projects in past years, according to enrollment and more activities will be routinely added in the future. The online materials are free and if printed materials are preferred there is a small fee for those. The classroom is located on the Kansas 4-H website at www.Kansas4-H.org under the Resources tab.

Entomology Notebooks Now a Part of the Johnson County Fair

Prefer to catch insects with a camera instead of your hands? Does the thought of touching insects make your skin crawl? Now you can participate in the entomology project, no insect handling required, with an entomology notebook. 4-H'ers take pictures of adult insects during the current 4-H year and create individual entries for each insect to be placed in a 3-ring binder for Johnson County fair competition. Two pictures of each insect are recommended. Identification and date/locality of collection is essential with the pictures. Entomology notebooks also require a special project each year that further explores the world of insects. It is highly suggested to visit the Kansas 4-H Entomology Project page at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/, the Entomology Collection Notebook guide (www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/docs/Entomology%20Collection%20Notebook2019.pdf) and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/ for all the details. For questions, email Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com. Happy collecting!

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser will be April 26-May 7.

Discovery Days will be June 7-9 on the K-State campus in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 16-17 in Manhattan.

Johnson County Fair will be July 30-August 5 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be August 8 in Pratt.

Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 4-15.

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 7-8.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. Classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. (There will be no class on April 27.) If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

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 March 10 and 24. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information and Updates

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. 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. ****New this year,** families will have an earlier opportunity to tag their pigs, sheep or goats on the evening of Friday, April 14. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

Dates Tagging will take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds	Last Day that each species can be tagged to be eligible for Johnson County 4-H Fair
April 14 (5-7 p.m.) — Beef, Bucket Calves, Goats, Sheep and Swine	Beef – Saturday, April 15
April 15 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 3
June 2 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 4
June 3 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only	
June 4 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only	

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a later date than Friday, April 14 and prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office and either (1) BRING the animal(s) to the Extension office or (2) PAY a farm fee of \$50 to have Extension staff travel to the location of the animal(s). Families that need an animal tagged prior to Friday, April 14 will also need to contact the Extension office. All animals must be tagged on or prior to each specie's tagging date listed above. 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. Any female animal being shown in a market class is REQUIRED to have an EID tag. If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to contact the Extension office and schedule a day for Extension staff to travel to the location of the animals and a \$50 fee will be required.

Please contact McKenna Holtgraver at McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

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.

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.

4-H Spring Break Project Quest

Are your kids looking for something to do over spring break? Johnson County 4-H will be offering three introductory project classes for 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers at the Extension office on March 14, 16, and 17. Participants may come one day or every day! Bring a friend! Registration is required. Please check out each event date at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/ for specific times, age requirements, fees and to register.

Livestock Judging Meet N Greet – MEET OUR NEW COACH!

This opportunity is open to ALL youth enrolled in Johnson County 4-H! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension office in Olathe, Ks. We will have lots of exciting information to share, including judging practice dates, livestock judging camps and much more! Please keep an eye out for a registration email. Snacks will be provided!

So, what is livestock judging and how does it impact youth? Livestock judging not only exposes individuals to placing a group of animals and orally justifying decisions, but it also offers many other beneficial life skills. Team members build self-confidence, learn lessons in responsibility, and mature into young leaders. Livestock judging also opens opportunities for collegiate Livestock Judging and scholarships as well as making lifelong connections!

Please contact McKenna Holtgraver at McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

WANTED! 4-H Electricity Fair Superintendent

Johnson County 4-H is looking for a new 4-H Fair Superintendent for the **Electricity** side of the 4-H Energy Management Department. Responsibilities include answering questions from 4-H families regarding Electricity projects, and being present while Electricity projects are being checked in and judged at the Fair. Please contact Jessica Lawrenz at jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org or 913-715-7020 if you would like to help.

Local Opportunities

Rock Springs Summer Camps and Employment Opportunities

Registration is open for Summer Camp 2023! This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Traditional 4-H Camp, Session 1, June 4-7, 2023.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are open too! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, Rock Springs Ranch may be a great fit. Approximately 60 staff are hired each summer in a variety of roles from counselor to activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit www.rockspringsranch.org/employment/.

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. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Makerspace Lab at Olathe Public Library Indian Creek Branch

Do you want to be creative and inventive but don't have the materials, equipment, or space to work on projects? The Makerspace Lab provides a space to explore, create, invent, build, and collaborate with others. Equipment and tools are for every skill level. Equipment includes: 3-D printing, embroidery, crafting, large format printing, laser engraving, sewing and a music/sound/recording studio. Cost is free to minimal, but the equipment is free to use. For more information and to sign up for a time slot visit www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace.

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.

4-H Program in Need of Food Stand Manager

A responsible and organized adult is needed to serve as the 4-H Food Stand Manager for the 2023 Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and much more. The position does come with a stipend. Please see the Position Description posted at <https://tinyurl.com/2a5cdrx2>. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at joco4-h@jocogov.org.

National & State Opportunities

4-H Youth in Action Program

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders ages 15-19 with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the core pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living, and STEM. 4-H'ers share how they're impacting their communities through service and leadership.

Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Personal professional and media development, training, and networking opportunities
- National opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and key thought leader in their program area
- Opportunities to showcase their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip along with their chaperone to travel as the national youth spokesperson
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes

Learn more about the application process at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-program/>. The deadline to apply is March 27, 2023.

USDA Summer AgDiscovery Program

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) sponsors a unique summer outreach program for youth in grades 7-12 to experience agriculture at a variety of universities that work with USDA across the country. Students spend 2-4 weeks at a university learning about agriculture. Youth will gain hands-on experience through labs, workshops, and field trips; participate in character- and team-building activities; and join in many other fun and educational events. There is NO cost for tuition, room and board, activities, or meals. The only cost is for travel to and from the university campus. Each University offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. For more information and to apply, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers and art students across the state. The theme this year is "Insect Superheroes." The goal is to explore why real life insects can be considered superheroes. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Entries are due before April 14, 2023. Contest rules and the entry form are posted at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.



Advice from Ms. 4-H, Kylie Rogers

Question: *What is the best way to get the most of 4-H?*

The best way to get the most out of 4-H is getting involved. The more you get involved the more projects you get to try and the more people you get to meet. Getting involved leads to opportunities and memories for a lifetime.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo Horse Club has a lot of events coming up. The Turn N Burn buckle series is soon and sign up is open so please sign up and come have a great time. Dates for the buckle series are February 26th and March 26th. We had a great time at the 4-H Horse Panorama in Salina, Kansas. Thank you so much Lindsay for helping us study and coaching Emma K. and I at Panorama. Also a big thanks to Emilie Kaiser for driving us to Panorama. We only have 6 meetings before the fair!



Lindsay, Emma K. and Emma G.

Oxford Hustlers at 2023 Club Days

By Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



On Saturday, February 11, the Oxford Hustlers performed a skit at Johnson County 4-H Club Days. The skit was titled 4-H Feud and is a parody of Family Feud. The script was written by the club members. We were excited to show this skit to the judges and everyone else who watched. We had fun and earned Alternate Top Purple! As well as the skit, we also had many other members participate in various activities at Club Days. Way to go Oxford Hustlers!

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.

March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due, online
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - YQCA Training, office (pre-registration required)
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 11 - Jr. Swine Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 13 - Archery SPIN Club Registration opens, online
- 14 - Leathercraft Spring Break Class, office (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16 - Ks Wildlife Spring Break Class, office (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - Baking Science Spring Break Class, office (pre-registration required)
- 18 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 22 - Livestock Judging Meet N Greet, office
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 24 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 25 - Regional Club Day, Wheatridge MS, Gardner
- 27 - Youth in Action Applications due, online
- 28 - Introductory Entomology class, office
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 31 - Food Fare, office
 - AgDiscovery Program Applications due, online

April

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- 14 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
 - Insect Art Contest Entries due
 - Evening tagging for livestock project animals, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 15 - Morning tagging for Spring Beef Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Last day Beef Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26-May 7 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 27 - NO Countywide Sewing Group this week

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 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 2023 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

Remind Families to Re-enroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. **If families are not enrolled for the 2023 4-H year they are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year's enrollments is now being used.**

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

As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment 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, 2022. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 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.

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.