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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Kansas 4-H Scholarships Applications Due March 1!

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship process has been modified. These changes will take effect for the 2024-25 scholarship application process. Please review all of the documentation thoroughly at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. The deadline to complete the application process and for references to complete their submissions is March 1, 2024. The new scholarship process has combined the Kansas 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program (VFSP) applications together. Applicants will select the scholarship program(s) they are applying for during the application process. If you have any questions about the changes or processes, contact Sarah Keatley at keatley@ksu.edu or 620-366-0035.

2024 Johnson County Fair Theme Contest

The Johnson County Fair Board wants YOUR ideas for the theme and artwork of the 2024 Johnson County Fair! In cooperation with Extension, the Fair Board is holding a contest for 4-H'ers to create a theme AND to design the fair book cover art. Deadline for submissions is March 25 at 5 p.m. Your design can be hand drawn or digitally created but MUST BE ORIGINAL. One entry/idea per person. Please send your theme idea, artwork and contact information to Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org. In your email include: your name, parent/guardian's name, 4-H club, phone number and email. Please attach your artwork design in a JPG or PNG format if possible (the higher quality the image, the better). The Fair Board will vote on their top choice at their March meeting. The winner will receive a few fair associated gifts.

Updated Achievement Pin Applications

Achievement Pin Applications have been updated and should be used for the current 4-H year. Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The new forms are fillable PDFs and a link to the forms is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

NOTE: Please take time **now** to review the pin application the 4-H'er(s) in your family will be working towards this 4-H year as some changes to the applications will require the 4-H'er to start working on requirements early in the 4-H year. For example, achievement pin applications 2-9 now require the 4-H'er to complete a Project Report and those take some planning ahead to complete.

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 7 for more information about YQCA Certification.

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 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. ***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.

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.

Local Opportunities

Walk Kansas 2024

Interested in increasing your physical activity and having fun on a team? Join Walk Kansas 2024! To learn more, visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/health-food-safety/walk-kansas/index.html.

Each team (6 people per team) should have at least 1 adult as the captain of a group of youth. Adults do have to pay the \$10 registration fee but there is no fee for youth. Please contact Johnson County Extension PRIOR to enrolling youth as there is a code to register. The captain of the team should NOT register youth on your team as participants as it will charge a fee for them. Registration opens March 1. Contact foodhelp@jocogov.org with questions and for assistance registering.

Anyone Can Join a Council Committee!

Even if you are not your club's Council Representative you are still able to be part of any of the Johnson County 4-H Council committees. Below are very brief descriptions of some committees that are in need of extra help. Descriptions of all committees can be found on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

Fair Concession Stand Committee—Work with the Food Stand Manager and Assistants to develop a menu and set prices; Help set-up and clean-up the Food Stand

Promotions/National 4-H Week Committee—Work with Tractor Supply Co. during spring and fall Paper Clover fundraisers for promotion of 4-H; Schedule countywide events during National 4-H Week; Help promote 4-H program throughout the year

Budget Finance Committee—Prior to Council meeting, review the financial report from the Extension Accountant to support the 4-H Treasurer; In August, work with Extension Accountant and Treasurer to create a budget for the upcoming year

County Wide Project & Scholarship Support—Review requests to approve funds to support 4-H Camp, Livestock, Shooting Sports, and other countywide projects/scholarships and project start-ups.

Nomination Committee—In October, work with Extension to obtain a list of Council Representatives and reach out to individuals for officer elections at the November meeting; At the November meeting, support elections by counting ballots

Policy Changes Committee—Review the County Council Bylaws annually and submit revisions for Council approval

Special Needs Committee—Providing help to 4-H families in need

Trips and Awards Committee—Review and revise the “Johnson County 4-H Award Procedures”
If you have questions, please email Lexi at Lexi.Ray@jocogov.org.

County Council Meetings 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. (unless it is a holiday).

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.

Local Opportunities

Rock Springs Camps

Registration for 2024 summer camps is open! For details on camps, 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.

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.

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer Makerspace Labs! These labs provide 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 cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their website for specific information. Olathe Public Library—www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace. Johnson County Library—www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

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.

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

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 begin working 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. Hope to see you there!

Archery SPIN Club Enrollment

Online registration for the Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 4. 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 class use of all the equipment including bows, arrows, targets, stands, armguard, 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 Club will meet four times on Sunday afternoons beginning April 7. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS. Dates/times are tentatively set for April 7, 14, 21, 28 from 2-4 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, 2024). 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 at joco4-H@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 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 Extension 4-H office about help getting registered. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after registration has closed.

4-H Shooting Sports Hunting Skills Project

Want to learn skills in hunter knowledge, wildlife identification, compass and orienteering? Have fun in group activities learning about wildlife management? Hunting Skills is another Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports discipline offered in Johnson County. While it does have some shooting components available for those old enough and having an interest (Archery, Smallbore Rifle, Shotgun), it also provides knowledge about history, why we hunt, wildlife, ethics, etc. It is not required that you are a hunter, or even intend to hunt, though having that experience may be helpful.

Join us March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office to start learning about the Hunting Skills discipline. Meetings include youth from surrounding counties who all enjoy the project. Youth involved in the discipline must get enrolled in the project. Opportunities may be available to attend local, state, and even a national competition.

Please contact Beth Alloway boa@k-state.edu or Arn Eccles arneccles@gmail.com to let them know you are coming or for more information.

County Project Opportunities

Spring Break Leathercraft Class

Instructor Randy Cornelius will touch on the basics of leathercraft including some history of leather, how leather is made, and the basic seven tools used to carve floral designs on leather. This class is geared toward youth above the age of 12 and is simply an introduction for those who have never done leathercraft before. Hands on work of carving and tooling a design will be done on a leather coaster.

The class will be held on March 12, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension office, and the fee is \$20 per participant. All the tools, leather, and other supplies will be provided. Each youth will also be supplied a leatherworking manual that is theirs to keep. Participants will need to bring two #2 lead pencils or a mechanical pencil, a 12” ruler, and a pair of scissors. The class is limited to 10 spots and preregistration is required at <https://conta.cc/3HzDDMY>. Email joco4-H@jocogov.org with registration questions. Contact Randy with questions about the class at RandyCornelius512@gmail.com or 913-731-8301.

Entomology Project Meeting

The next Entomology project meeting will be Saturday, March 16 at the Allen County Extension office starting at 1 p.m. Bring your pinning supplies and insects to pin. Make sure to put insects in your relaxing chamber for 24 hours before the meeting. We will continue to work on the service project we started in February. If you have not started on this, you will have time to catch up in March. Please bring \$0.75 for the supplies. If you have not gotten the template for making the labels to go under each insect in your collection, please bring a zip drive so we can get that for you. Call Vicky at 620-804-9170 with questions.

Countywide Geology Project Meeting

Enrolled in the Geology project but don't know where to start? Thinking about enrolling, but want to know more first? There will be an informational meeting where you can get some answers and starting points on Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m., at the Extension office in room 1060. If you can't make it, you can email countywide project leader, Natasha Graham, at nlgraham95@gmail.com with any questions you have about the project.

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 2024 Johnson County 4-H Dog Club dog shows are as follows: Graduation Show - April 27, 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>.

County Project Opportunities

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. 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. Again this year, families will have an earlier opportunity to tag their pigs, sheep or goats on the evening of Friday, April 19. 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 19 (5-7 p.m.) — Beef, Bucket Calves, Goats, Sheep and Swine	Beef – Saturday, April 20
April 20 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 1
May 31 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 2
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	

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged on a later date than Friday, April 19 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 19 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 at McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

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.

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YQCA Requirements *(continued from page 7)*

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; one on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. and the other 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. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

State Opportunities

NW 4-H Super Saturday

The NW 4-H Super Saturday event will be held on Saturday, March 23 in Hays on the FHSU campus. There will be judging contests, project opportunities and volunteer and parent learning sessions. The registration fee is \$7 and sack lunches for participants and parents can be ordered for \$8 each during registration.

Project Opportunities will be available from 1-3 p.m. Additional information of event details and costs is available at www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/supersaturday/Super%20Saturday%202024.pdf.

Alpha of Clovia Hospitality Weekend

Alpha of Clovia is a 4-H Cooperative Leadership House located at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Living at Clovia is a great opportunity as it is one of the only ways to live off campus for a female student's freshman year at K-State. It provides girls with a community of caring friends, accountability, and fun. There will be a hospitality weekend March 23 and 24, where high school girls of all grade levels can come spend the weekend and learn more about what it would be like to live in Clovia! The process of getting into the house includes submitting an application and reference letters and then an interview. If interested, email alphaofclovia@gmail.com or visit their Instagram [@alphaofclovia](https://www.instagram.com/alphaofclovia).

Insect Art Contest

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise." The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage or imitate. 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. A winner will be selected from each category and one overall winner will be selected from those entries.

Why should you participate? It's fun. It's an opportunity to learn more about insects. It's an opportunity to flex your creative muscles and practice your (art)craft. It's a state contest and you can add that to your record book or pin application for Entomology and/or Visual Arts. The deadline to submit entries is April 15, 2024. Additional information can be found at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.

State Opportunities

New “Feeding Your Future” Youth Summer Camp

K-State's College of Agriculture introduces a new opportunity for high school students to learn about amazing career opportunities in agronomy, grain science and food production through the Feeding Your Future 2024 summer youth camp. This is a collaboration between the Agronomy and Grain Science and Industry departments in an effort to increase awareness of the degree programs and to encourage future enrollment with the K-State College of Agriculture. The camp will take place July 16-20.

- Camp activities will feature agronomy, milling science, bakery science, and feed and pet food science.
 - As many as 30 campers will be engaged in hands-on learning during workshops on the KSU Manhattan campus.
 - The camp will include a career night for participants to make connections between what they've learned during the week and the variety of careers available in agronomy and grain science.
- The camp is open to high school students entering the 10th-12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year. More information can be found at www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/.

National Opportunities

4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action program amplifies the diverse stories and leadership of 4-H youth who are making a difference in their communities every day. It is a premiere community of 4-H'ers who are preparing for their future while showcasing how 4-H changed their lives and equipped them to change the lives of others. Each year, program participants receive an exciting year of media training and national opportunities to share their 4-H story and leadership. The four award winners will also receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- All-expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone
- An official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational/career purposes

Learn more about the application process at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>. Applications are due by April 1, 2024.



Advice from Miss 4-H, Kennedy Graham

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

I believe that the best way to get the most out of 4-H is to explore every possible interest that you have to the fullest. As with everything else in life, you get out of it what you put into it, 4-H is the same way. There are more opportunities in 4-H than there are in nearly all of the other avenues available to kids our 4-H ages, combined. With 4-H you can be as involved as you want. Whatever fits your lifestyle and your interests, it's available in 4-H.

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Country Hearts 4-H club had two fun activities in December. The club rang bells at Hobby Lobby for the Salvation Army. During the bell ringing, the members played music and had so much fun seeing people's smiles when wishing them happy holidays.

The Country Hearts also had a holiday game night! At the game night, members played all sorts of card games, board games, trivia games, and so much more! They had snacks, learned more about people, and made many fun memories!

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



Dog Training

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

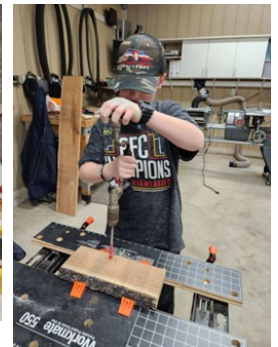
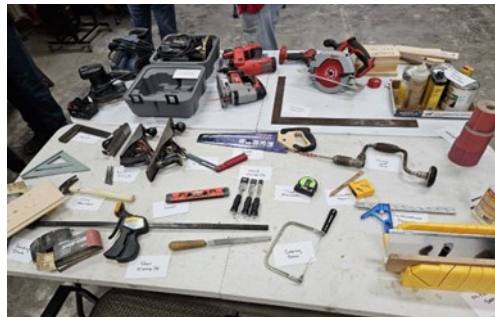


The Johnson County Dog Club has started our weekly dog training. We meet every Monday at the fairgrounds. Our classes are Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Rally-O. We meet January-May, this is to help us prepare for our shows and for the fair. It's important to practice during the week with your dog what you learned at training. We are very excited!

Measuring the Cut: January Woodworking Project Meeting!

By Eli Bitar, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

On January 27, members of the Morning Glory 4-H club were invited to attend the Morning Glory Woodworking Project Meeting. They began honing their woodworking skills by learning about safety rules, equipment, and how it all works. Five 4-H'ers and six adults attended the meeting. They also started learning how a few of the tools worked and thought about the project each 4-H'er would make.



Also in January, the Morning Glory Monthly Meeting was held on January 22nd. The meeting was Junior Led by our Jr. President Parker. The club discussed activities for the upcoming Club Days. As recreation, we played a quick rock, paper, scissors tournament. Morning Glory's next meeting will be held on February 26, and will be Parent-Led.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

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

The JoCo Horse Club had a very great January! Emma K, Ann'adele K, Gabby B, Izzy M, and Emma G made their way to Salina, Kansas on January 26th, to compete at Panorama on the 27th at the K-State technology center. The Senior team of Emma K, Gabby B, Ann'adele K, and Izzy M competed in both Hippology and Horse Bowl, getting 1st in Hippology and 2nd in Horse Bowl. Emma G competed in Open Hippology and Open Horse Bowl, and she got 4th in Open Hippology and 3rd in Open Horse Bowl. On top of that, Emma G got 1st in photography, Gabby B got 4th in Senior Individual Hippology, Emma K got 7th in Senior Individual Hippology, and Ann'adele K got 1st in Senior Individual Hippology. Everyone had a great time and the Senior team is excited and making the decision regarding nationals. Also, we greatly appreciate our coach who did study session after study session with us, Lindsey Creason. We are all excited for our upcoming events, including our buckle series!



Prairie Moon 4-H recently squeezed in a fun exertion to Snow Creek on the day of the Super Bowl. We went tubing and had so much fun! We all loved racing each other down the hill and having long conversations on the way up the lift. We do activities like this so that everyone can



partake in the fun and it's a good way to bring our club together outside of meetings. We were all glad that the weather cooperated. It was cold enough to make snow but was also really nice out while we tubed. Super Bowl Sunday was the perfect day to go. We practically had the hill to ourselves! This year was our second year of going to Snow Creek and we hope to go back again! We are super excited about the Food Fair coming up on March 1st 6:00 - 8:00 Prairie Moon will be there, come join us!

By Aubrey Dunmyer and Morena DeKeijzer,
Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporters

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 - Food Fare, Extension office
 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due, online
 - Walk Kansas Registration opens, online
- 2 - Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan
- 4 - Archery SPIN Club Registration opens, online
- 5 - County Council meeting ***NEW DATE***
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - Hunting Skills Project meeting, Extension office
- 12 - Leathercraft Class, Extension office (pre-registration required)
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 16 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan
 - Entomology Project meeting, Allen Co. office
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - Regional Club Day, Paola High School
 - NW Super Saturday, FHSU campus
- 23-24 - Alpha of Clovia Hospitality weekend, Manhattan
- 25 - JoCo Fair Theme Contest Submissions due
- 26 - Countywide Geology Project meeting, office
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group

April

- 1 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Youth in Action Applications due
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
 - Insect Art Contest Entries due
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 19 - Evening tagging for livestock project animals, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 20 - 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
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - JoCo Dog Club Dog Show, JoCo Fairgrounds

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 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 Reenroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be reenrolled by November 1, 2023. **If families are not enrolled for the 2024 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 being used.**

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com> and enrollment guides for families and volunteers 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, 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.