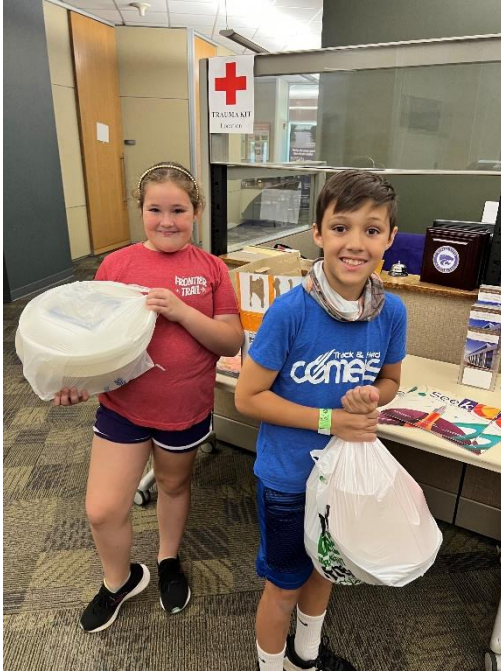


# Reporter's Corner

## **Country Hearts Stock the Store**

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



The Country Hearts Club participated in a community service project to provide items to the Johnson County Kitchen Restore Project. Members collected kitchen items like dishes, utensils and pans. The Kitchen Restore Project provides basic kitchen items to residents of Johnson County in need. The Country Hearts are participating in this project for the second year. Members delivered items to the extension office.

## **Country Hearts Visit Lanesfield School**

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Country Hearts 4-H Club enjoyed an education tour of the

Lanesfield Historic Site in Edgerton. Twelve members met and explored the site. The limestone schoolhouse is the last remaining structure of the former town of Lanesfield. It is the oldest operating schoolhouse in Johnson County. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



## **Country Hearts Create Banner**

By Clara Palmer, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

The Country Hearts Club voted to create a club banner for the County Fair this year. It has been several years since the club has participated in this project. Committee members met several times over the summer to brainstorm ideas, shop for supplies and create the banner. The committee had a great time and hopes their banner encourages more families to join 4-H.



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## Glancing Back As We're Moving Forward

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

As we approach a new 4-H year we look back to our roots and dig deep. Unearthing stories from the early days of our club, the top goal for forming a new group was to have a youth-led meeting with guidance from the parents using Robert's Rules of Order and drawing up by-laws, created by members of the club. Surprisingly, the parents were NOT allowed to speak at the meetings at all but had the chance to bring things up to the steering committee before the start of the official meeting. Leaders recalled that “detractors had said that if



kids led the meeting, they'd all vote to go out for ice cream! But...amazingly, they did not once vote to go out for ice cream!” Several years later, people would ask “What is the secret to the success of the club?” and Cheryl Friedline reported, “We run our meetings the 4-H way. Kid-led meetings, sticking to the by-laws!”

Today, the Great Plains 4-H Club still follows this important example and is thriving because of it. We give a hearty shoutout

to our wonderful founding families - the Freemans, Friedlines, Mocks, Wadells, and Vanderhorsts. Moving forward we hope to strive for making the best better, clearer thinking, our hearts to greater loyalties, our hands to larger service and our health to better living.

*Thank you to the Ward and Wing families for providing extensive information on the roots of our club!*

# Reporter's Corner

## Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

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

As we hit September, the Horse Club spent most of their monthly meeting electing new



officers for the new 4-H year! Not only do we have familiar faces in both the same and new positions, but also new faces stepping up! So now, let's introduce the Horse Club's 2024-2025 officers! Emma K. is back for another year as president, and Emma G. is our new Vice President! Gabby B. is by default Treasurer for her second year in the position. Izzy M. was elected for Secretary and Reporter, Ava R. was elected for Corresponding Secretary, Maesie C. for Parliamentarian, and Brynnly G. as

Historian. With that complete, we finished off our meeting with snacks and some very fun games! Now, we can't wait for our October meeting for the start of a new year in 4-H, and to meet everyone who is joining us for another fantastic year!

Splish, splash, I was taking a bath. Wait, that's not right. I was swimming with all my friends from the Prairie Moon 4-H club, the Tail Waggers dog project, and shooting sports groups. Day at the lake with the Prairie Moon 4-H club and others is one of our favorite



things we do as a 4-H club! Thanks to Dr. Freeman and his wife, Lisa, our 4-H club is invited to enjoy a day at their lake, Rock Bottom. They have a blow-up water trampoline, which is really fun to launch your siblings and friends off into the water. There is fishing, hiking, and you can swim all the way across the lake to go cliff jumping. Some people bring their paddle boards and trying to be the last one standing is a fun competition to have with all your friends! A delicious potluck was served to keep us energized for a long day at the lake. Everybody was

very excited to have a wonderful day after the busy fair and get a refreshing boost before the State Fair. We can't wait for next year's fun at the lake!

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