

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## **Please Welcome Newest Member of the 4-H Team!**

Erin is excited to be joining the Johnson County K-State Research and Extension team as the 4-H Event and Communications Coordinator. She grew up in Olathe, KS, was a member of Johnson County 4-H herself and is thrilled to help and support the program in this new role. Erin and her husband, Kenny, are both K-State alumni and have three girls to keep them busy. In her spare time, she likes to be crafty, read a good book or enjoy a good cup of coffee. As the Event and Communications Coordinator, Erin will assist with county wide event logistics, sign-ups, social media, and producing Clover Clips.

## **Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!**

A thank you note should be sent by you to the donor if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, banner, or sold a project in one of the auctions. Donors communicate with the Johnson County 4-H team that these thank you notes are lovely to receive and some donors even mention only continuing to sponsor these awards if they receive a Thank You each year. Therefore, taking the time to write a heartfelt Thank You and sending it to the donor is a must! Tips for writing a great thank you note are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair/).

Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs and the Johnson County Fair Board as well. The fair could not happen without all of these amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

## **State Fair Entry Drop-off Information**

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Tuesday, September 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, September 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Youth that exhibit in the 4-H division of the state fair will receive two complimentary admission tickets to the Kansas State Fair in place of premiums.

Those tickets can be picked up at the Extension office from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

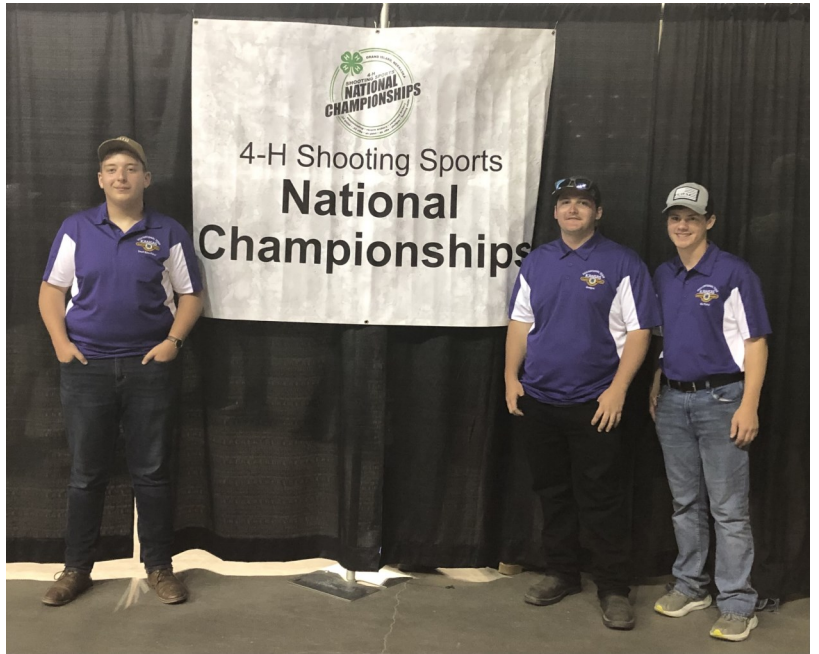
**IMPORTANT:** Please read the rules in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/).

To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class: 1) Scroll down the page to find your department. 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry. 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit.

If you have any questions, please call the Johnson County 4-H office.

# Congratulations are in order!

Three Johnson County Shooting Sports members attended the 2024 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. Air Pistol—Brandon H., Shotgun—Evan K., and Small Bore Pistol—Josiah Y. 705 competitors from 40 states competed at the competition. Each state could send teams or individuals in each of nine disciplines: Hunting Skills, Recurve Archery, Compound Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Small Bore Pistol, Small Bore Rifle, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun. Kansas had teams competing in eight of the disciplines. There were three days of competition. Air Pistol did rapid fire, silhouettes, and slow fire. Small Bore Pistol did slow fire, silhouettes, and Camp Perry. Shotgun did Sporting Clays, Skeet, and Trap.



Brandon's Air Pistol team took 5th in rapid fire, 10th in silhouettes, 4th in slow fire, and 4th overall. Josiah's Small Bore Pistol team took 9th in slow fire, 7th in silhouettes, 3rd in Camp Perry, and 6th overall. Evan's team took 18th in Sporting Clays, 18th in Skeet, 14th in Trap, and 17th overall. Air Pistol had 75 competitors across 18 teams. Small Bore Pistol had 62 competitors across 16 teams, and shotgun had 129 competitors across 33 teams. The Kansas team members had to submit an application and compete at the state matches in their respective disciplines to be considered for selection for the Kansas Teams. Kansas' teams were made up of 4-H shooters from many different Kansas counties. Johnson County was honored to have three county shooters compete on the Kansas teams this year.

By Alisa Kozlowski, Country Hearts 4-H Club Leader

## **Announcing Miss 4-H and Miss 4-H Runner Up!**

During the Johnson Country Fair, prior to the start of the 4-H Swine Show on July 31, our 2025 Miss 4-H and Miss 4-H Runner Up were announced. Emily and Alexis would like to introduce themselves and share with you why they chose to apply for Miss 4-H.



**Miss 4-H, Emily Kozlowski**—My name is Emily Kozlowski, I'm a 15-year-old 7 year member of the Country Hearts 4-H Club. This fall, I will be attending the Kansas Online Learning Program as a sophomore and Johnson County Community College as a College Now student. I applied for Miss 4-H to represent our county 4-H program as a positive, involved ambassador and mentor figure who's passionate about learning, growing, leadership, and 4-H as a whole.



**Miss 4-H Runner Up, Alexis Fiedler**—My name is Alexis Fiedler, and I am a ten year member of the Prairie Moon 4-H club. I am a senior at Gardner Edgerton High School. This year I was the president of my 4-H club as well as the 4-H ambassador group. I'm involved in the dog, dairy goat, meat goat, cattle, arts, crafts, ceramics, foods, and photography projects. I chose to apply for Miss 4-H this year because I love mentoring younger club members and I wanted the opportunity to interact with more 4-H members across the county.

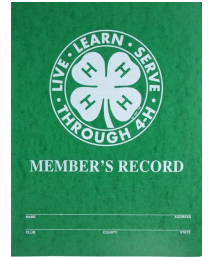
# Local Opportunities

## **Event Celebrating Monarch Butterflies**

As fall approaches so does one of nature's greatest mysteries. It's the annual monarch butterfly migration, when thousands of monarchs pass through the Lower Midwest heading for Mexico. The Johnson County Extension Master Naturalists invite you to be a part of the magic on Saturday, September 28 at the Pollinator Prairie in Olathe. The celebratory, "Hasta Luego Monarchs," event is free and open to the public. It features exhibits, monarch tag-and-release, games, activities, and fun for all ages. To learn more visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/newsandevents/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/newsandevents/classes-events/).

## **Prepare for End of Year Awards**

1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record book to them.
2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
3. Officers should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. 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/programs/4-h/forms-resources/record-books/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/forms-resources/record-books/).



You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/forms-resources/record-books/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/forms-resources/record-books/).

## **Ambassador Game Day and Ice Cream Social**

Drop in any time on Sunday, October 6, from 2-5 p.m. at the Extension office for the Johnson County Ambassadors' *Game Day and Ice Cream Social* event. Games for all ages, interests, and skill levels, including board, card and outdoor games will be provided. This event is FREE and the whole family is invited. To sweeten the deal, ice cream will be provided for all. We encourage you to even bring a friend that is new to 4-H! Also, the Ambassadors are asking for donations of non-perishable food items to donate to a local food pantry. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Dvqa5kgJjDwYW3is9> in order for the Ambassadors to know how much ice cream to have ready and enough games for everyone.

## **Officer Training and Project Fair**

Officer Training and Project Fair will be held on the evening of Monday, October 7, at the Extension office from 6-8 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position is invited to attend Officer Training sessions. Experienced 4-H'ers in Officer roles are needed to act as presenters; please sign up here [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20233](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20233). The Project Fair will be held during Officer Training and continue until 7:45 p.m. This event is for everyone to see first-hand the large variety of 4-H projects you may participate in and talk to 4-H'ers who are active in those projects! 4-H'ers are needed to bring projects to display during Project Fair; please sign up here [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20232](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAA82BAAF6-20232).

# Local Opportunities

## **Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors**

Join the 2025 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H, meeting new people, and want to gain more leadership experience, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. Applicants must be between the ages of 14-18 (before January 1, 2025). For more information and the application, please visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors/). Applications are due to the Extension office by Monday, November 4 at 5 p.m.

Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form by November 4.

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## **New Family Orientation**

We will be offering New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, for parents of first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions. To register, please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/3AYpdxXFhpn3cNb87> by Thursday, November 7. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

# State Opportunities

## **Apply for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council**

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. As a 4-H Youth Leadership Council Representative or as a National 4-H Council Delegate. The application process used is the same for both.

Those who are selected as National Conference Delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2025. More information is on the National 4-H Conference page at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/).

Youth may also run for a one-year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council Applicants must be ages 14 and 18 before January 1, 2025. More information is on the Youth Leadership Council page at [www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/).

The process includes an online application, online reference form, and signature page. All items are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2024. All resources and links can be found on either the National 4-H Conference or Youth Leadership Council pages linked above.

Elections will happen at this year's Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the National 4-H Conference Delegates will be announced there as well.

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## **48 Hours of 4-H**



To round out National 4-H Week, you are encouraged to invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members, and 4-H alum to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 12-13, 2024. Check out the 484H website at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/) for more information and to register your project.

# County Project Opportunities

## **Air Pistol SPIN Club**

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory Air Pistol class to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on introducing the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets, and other equipment will be provided; however, participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2025).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in smallbore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

Air Pistol SPIN will meet on the following evenings, October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. A \$45 equipment fee will be required. The date to begin registration will be September 3, 2024. The link for enrollment will be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/newsandevents/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/newsandevents/classes-events/). Participants will be required to turn in a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at [sseccles@gmail.com](mailto:sseccles@gmail.com) or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

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## **Entomology Project Meeting**

The next Entomology Project meeting will be on Saturday, September 21, at the Allen County Extension office beginning at 1 p.m. Please bring your pinning boards and pinning supplies. If you have questions, call Vicky at 620-804-9170.

## **REMINDER! 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).

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**4-H Dog Conference** will be October 19-20 at Rock Springs.

**Kansas Youth Leadership Forum** will be November 23-24 at Rock Springs.

**Kansas Volunteer Forum** will be November 23-24 at Rock Springs.

# County Project Opportunities

## **Join the 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun or Air Rifle Project**

Join Johnson County 4-H's popular BB Gun and Air Rifle projects for another season starting in October. Youth and their parents can learn to safely and responsibly use firearms, promote sportsmanship and ethical behavior, get acquainted with the fundamentals of competitive air-gun shooting, and foster shooting as a fun, family recreation.

Here's how to join—

**If you have participated as part of the competitive squad in years past, do the following:**

- 1) Re-enroll in 4-H as soon as enrollment opens on October 1 at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Remember to select the BB Gun and/or Air Rifle project, as appropriate. If you show up for practice and are not officially enrolled in 4-H, you will not be permitted to shoot.
- 2) Send an email to [RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com](mailto:RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com) and let us know you plan to return this year and which disciplines you plan to participate in.
- 3) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar at [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com) for updates on scheduled practice dates and times. At this time, the first practice for returning shooters is scheduled for November 5.

Returning participants please note: If you would like to volunteer to help teach new participants during the introductory sessions explained in the next section, please plan to attend. However, live firing at those introductory sessions will be reserved for new shooters only.

**If you have not participated as part of the competitive squad in years past, do the following:**

- 1) Be aware of the following requirements particular to the Shooting Sports program.
  - BB Gun is open to youth between age 9 and 15 as of January 1, 2025.
  - Air Rifle is open to youth aged 12 to 18 as of January 1, 2025, who have successfully completed at least one season of the BB gun program (unless over age 15).
  - Successful completion of at least one season of the Air Rifle program is a required prerequisite for participation in the advanced shooting disciplines of smallbore rifle (.22 caliber) and muzzle loading rifle, which will begin in Summer 2025.
- 2) Plan to attend the initial introduction to 4-H BB-Gun safety classes scheduled for 6-8 p.m. October 8, 15, 22, and 29. For new participants, participation in these four classes is required in order to be considered for invitation to join the competitive match season shooting with the Johnson County 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle squads. Participation in 4-H Shooting Sports with the competitive squad is by invitation only. Invitations will be extended by the 4-H instructors based on student performance in the introductory classes and available resources.
- 3) As soon as possible, send an email to [RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com](mailto:RifleClub@4-HShootingSports.com) to introduce yourself and let us know you plan to participate.
- 4) Enroll in 4-H as soon as enrollment opens on October 1 at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Be sure to enroll in the BB Gun and Air Rifle projects as appropriate to your participation plans. If you show up for practice and are not officially enrolled in 4-H, you will not be permitted to shoot.
- 5) Watch the Shooting Sports website calendar at [www.4-HShootingSports.com](http://www.4-HShootingSports.com) for updates on scheduled dates, times, and locations for the introductory safety class and regular practices.

The 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun and Air Rifle projects are administered under the K-State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development program and operated by a team of adult volunteers who are experienced in shooting and youth instruction, who have been recommended and background-screened by the county Extension office, and who have received mandatory intensive training and state-level certification in the rifle shooting discipline and in youth development training techniques. You do not have to own your own equipment to participate. The 4-H Rifle Club has sufficient safe and proper equipment to outfit most youth who are interested in participating. If you have questions, email [rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com](mailto:rifleclub@4-hshootingsports.com).

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Invitational Dog Show

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

We had our Invitational Dog Show Saturday, June 22nd at the fairgrounds. Dogs and their owners outside of our club competed as well. It was a very hot day but we had a great time. We also had concessions and a raffle for some cute dog accessories. We have our Agility & Rally-o show coming up in July and then on to the fair!



## Day Camp and an Evening Meeting!

By Eli Bitar, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

On June 24, 2024, members of Morning Glory attended the annual Jr Led Day Camp from 3:30-5. Junior members planned and helped younger members as they moved through stations. There were different stations including water bottle decorating, geode breaking, snacks, painting, Twister, rabbit judging, and more. Both the camp leaders and participants had fun. A Morning Glory monthly meeting followed after the camp.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

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

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

Fair is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited! The Horse Club had a clinic with Matthew Jobe on teaching our horses the come over que! The que makes it very easy to get our horses lined up to whatever we need to make mounting easier! Thank you so much Matthew Jobe for working with everyone to help teach this new trick! With fair approaching, we have so many fun activities planned and we can't wait to see everyone!



## **Agility & Rally-O Dog Show**

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

The JoCo 4-H Dog Club hosted our third show of the year and the last one before fair. We had a great turnout and the weather was beautiful. Thank you to our wonderful judges, Chris & Madalyn! Thank you also to all of the parents who helped out this year at the shows and training. We have had so much fun this year, all of our training has really paid off!





# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **Who Doesn't Love the Fair?!**

By Olivia Yeung, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The hot sunshine burning down, with a soft breeze in the air, kicking up dust from the streets. People everywhere, milling through booths and exploring projects, standing in line waiting for root beer and funnel cake. Yep! That's the County Fair!! The Great Plains 4-H Club had a blast showing off their many projects at the 2024 Johnson County Fair. The Club members love participating in multiple events throughout Fair week like Style Revue, Public Presentations, Barnyard Olympics, the Project Auction and the Parade.

Congrats to all 4-H'ers who participated in projects alongside us! Here's to making the best better in 2025!



## **Oxford Hustlers Tours the Toy and Miniature Museum**

By Fern Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

On July 13, 2024, the Oxford Hustlers had their yearly education tour at the Toy and Miniatures museum in Kansas City. The annual educational tour offers an opportunity for our club to learn more about something interesting in our community. It was so much fun to learn about how miniatures are made and to see all the cool rooms that miniature artists have constructed. It was also super fun to see different children's toys from different decades, such as different doll houses or teddy bears! The Oxford Hustlers had so much fun at the Toys and Miniatures museum, and we notice many connections to 4-H projects like visual arts, fiber arts, sewing and textiles, woodworking, and STEM.



Members of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club participate in the annual Educational Tour.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **BRW Farmer's Market**

By Kennedy Bragg, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

The Blue River Wranglers are very excited to host our second annual Farmer's Market. The Stilwell Farmer's Market is held in Stilwell, KS at the NW corner of Metcalf Ave and 199<sup>th</sup> St. Our market is held on Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm from the beginning of July through the end of August. Many vendors come to the Farmer's Market. Vendors sell a large variety of goods including bread, cookies, meat, vegetables, honey, soaps, Boba drinks, flowers, etc. Our 4-H club also has a table, and our members talk about 4-H with the community. We have vegetables and fruits available on our table and showcase our 4-H member projects. We tie-dyed fabric reusable bags for our shoppers to use. There is usually a food truck too! It is an amazing way to get to know the families of Stilwell, and I speak for my entire club when I say we were so happy to be back. We look forward to interacting with our community every summer at the Stilwell Farmer's Market!



## **Oxford Hustlers Members Participate in the Fashion Revue**

By Fern Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



On July 20th, 2024, several members of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club participated in the annual Johnson County 4-H Fashion Revue. While members in the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club are a part of many projects, clothing construction and fashion revue are popular with members. That makes the judging and the public show so much fun! We cannot wait to go back next year!

A few members of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club wait for fashion revue judging on 7/20/24.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Project Tour

By Morena deKeijzer, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Wow! Look at all of these amazing projects. The Prairie Moon 4-H club got to walk around the fair grounds to show everyone their projects. We looked at cows, swine, goats and many static projects. Some of our favorites were photography, rocketry, woodworking, arts and crafts. While we were looking at projects our recreations leaders gave us a game to play. We would walk around and when we saw something described on a list we would take a selfie with the project. Once everyone finished up the project tour the people who participated got a prize and all of the pictures were posted on Facebook to show off all of the amazing projects created by the Prairie Moon 4-H club.



## Senior Spotlight – Fern S.

Written by Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Member



Fern has been a member of the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club for 10 years. Fern has held numerous offices, including President, County Council Representative, and is currently serving as the Corresponding Secretary. She has enjoyed many projects over the years, including sewing, photography, civic engagement, and leadership. Some of her favorite 4-H activities have been serving as a Johnson County 4-H Ambassador, participating in the fashion revue, and giving demonstrations at the Kansas State Fair. Fern plans to attend Loyola University in Chicago this fall to study History and French. Thank you for all of your contributions to our club! You will be missed! Good luck at Loyola!

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **Blue River Wranglers Farm Tour**

By Kennedy Bragg, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

The Blue River Wranglers Annual Farm Tour is a lot of fun! Every July, we travel to different members' homes to learn about their projects. Previously we focused on livestock stops but this year we added static projects to the tour. We made three different stops this year. We saw pigs and photography projects at our first stop. Sheep and chickens were at the second stop. We also saw our fellow members' bow and talked about the 4-H archery program and saw more great photography projects. At our last stop we saw goats and cattle and a woodworking project – a bat box! We always have a final stop for a potluck and fun activity. This year we went to the Lake Quivira Country Club and swam in the lake. We also had a big potluck meal with lots of food and desserts. The highlight of the potluck was the Go Chicken Go! Overall, the Farm Tour is an educational and fun excursion for club members and families.



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

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

The main event for our club in July was the Johnson County Fair! We all had a great time competing, sharing our love for horses, and spending time together! On July 29th, we started the night with our 2024 Rodeo Queen and Princess coronation, with our Queen being Ann'adele K. and our Princess being Maesie C. Congratulations to them both! We continued the night with our speed events and everyone had a blast! On July 30th, we continued with our Performance events, and it was so great seeing so many people in and outside of our club trying new things. On August 1st, we held our club award ceremony, and we want to send a huge thanks to all our sponsors for trophies and prizes! Lastly, on



August 3rd, we participated in the Parade with our float decorated in a red, white, and blue theme to match our barn theme! It's safe to say that fair was such a great experience for us all, and we can't wait to do it again next year!

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **Strong Finish**

By Emma Burns, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

From nursing home visits to entering in nearly every category of county fair, Pioneer 4-H has been hard at work from May-August. While many people enjoyed activities such as eating popsicles, going to the pool, and vacations, club members of Pioneer started their summer by visiting with the elderly residents of Hillside Nursing Home in De Soto.

Hillside residents welcomed members of Pioneer, who are specifically in livestock and poultry. Residents do not normally enjoy the privilege of interacting with these specific exhibits because they (the residents) are unable to travel due to heat and transportation issues. 8 members attended with lambs, pigs, poultry, and cattle. The residents asked many questions about the 4-H'ers' projects. Pioneer has been asked to come again next year, and the 4-H'ers enthusiastically accepted.

Jumping forward in the summer, Pioneer exhibited in many categories, participated in Chasing Memories, helped with set up and clean up, and brought home several rosettes for their hard work. The 4-H food stand was well staffed by Pioneer and many memories were made in the process. Pioneer looks forward to closing out our 4-H year with a strong finish at upcoming awards ceremonies!

Dawson B. Pee Wee Showmanship.



Parker K. Grand Champion Costume "Henny" Potter.



## **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.

## September

- 2 - Labor Day, office closed
- 3 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office until 6:30 p.m.
  - Air Pistol SPIN Club registration opens
  - County Council meeting
- 4 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office until 5 p.m.
- 6-15 - Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 21 - Entomology Project meeting, Allen Co. office
- 28 - Hasta Luego Monarchs event, Pollinator Prairie

## October

- 1 - New 4-H Year begins!
  - Club Organization Report due to office (online)
  - Kansas 4-H Youth Council Applications due
- 2-13 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 6 - Games & Ice Cream Social, office
- 7 - Officer Training & Project Fair, office
- 9 - County Awards Application Judging, office
- 11 - County Awards Application Judging #2 (if needed)
- 12-13 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge

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

## **Resources for 4-H Club Leaders**

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/leader-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/programs/4-h/leader-resources/).

Resources include:

**Club Seal Requirements** - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2023-2024 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience.

**Club Organization Report** - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2024. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2024-2025 4-H year.

**Annual Financial Report** - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Links to the report form and Financial Review Committee Responsibilities document are posted on the Leader Resource page.

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/).

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## **County Awards Application Judging**

Judging of county award applications will start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9 at the Extension office. Please have at least two-three adult representatives from your club attend judging. The more the better! If not all judging can be completed in a timely manner that evening, due to the new requirement on Membership Pin Applications that a 4-H'er must complete and submit a Project Report Form, a second evening of judging will be take place on Friday, October 11, starting at 6 p.m. For that evening of judging we would need 2 volunteers from each club. Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

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## **Community Club Leader Meeting**

Please join us Tuesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. If a club leader is not able to attend, please send another adult from your club. Contact Lexi at [lexi.ray@jocogov.org](mailto:lexi.ray@jocogov.org) with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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## **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).