

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Congratulations to all the youth and adults who were recognized at the annual Achievement Celebration! It was a wonderful afternoon highlighting the tremendous accomplishments of our 4-H youth and adult volunteers! The highlight for me was seeing the breadth of 4-H programs, from Sue Pio and Cion Hamilton getting their 35 year pins through the first year youth receiving their pins! We wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season! -Tara

Key Award by Zach Nason

On Saturday, November 8, Johnson County 4-H honored seven 4-H members who earned the Key Award. The Key Award is the highest honor in 4-H and is the culmination of four years of extensive leadership, citizenship, and project work. Recipients choose to fulfill requirements such as participation in public speaking events, county-wide community service, and committee work at the county and state level.



Pictured from left to right are Jessica (Great Plains), Kristin (Happy Helpers), Brenna (Spring Hill Rustlers), Molly (Stanley Buccaneers), Mackenzie (Stanley Buccaneers), and Amanda (Prairie Moon). Key Award recipient Michaela (Lucky Clover) is not pictured. (Photo courtesy of the Harra Family)

Newly Elected County Council Officers

Please welcome the 2014-15 4-H County Council officers: President, Natalie (Horse); Vice President, Olivia (Morning Glory); Secretary, Sabrina (Comet Tech); Corresponding Secretary, Marlaina (Oxford Hustlers); Treasurer, Zoe (Great Plains); Historians, Grace (Oxford Hustlers) and Libby (Spring Hill Rustlers); Parliamentarian, Brandon (Livestock); and Reporter, Amanda (Prairie Moon). The new officers were elected at the first County Council meeting of the 4-H year held on November 3, 2014.

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

2014-2015 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 4-H year is to be done completely online by 4-H families. Online enrollment opened November 1, and the website is https://ks.4honline.com.

There is an informational flyer that was created by the State office and we have posted it on our website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. This flyer walks you through how to enroll your family. We also **strongly** recommend reading three User Guides that we created specifically for our county. These are posted on the same page as the flyer.

Here are some key points we want to bring to your attention:

- (1) 4HOnline works best with the browsers Firefox or Google Chrome; avoid using Internet Explorer.
- (2) Adults/Parents should <u>not</u> create their own profile within the family <u>unless</u> they serve in a volunteer role. Volunteer role types are listed on page 4 of the "Adding an Adult to a Family" User Guide.
- (3) If you choose the "Direct Volunteer" type during enrollment, you <u>must</u> complete the VIP process. (More information about the VIP process is at <u>www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer</u>.)
- (4) The entry box for "Years in 4-H" and "Years in Project" defaults to the number "1". So make sure you enter the correct number here! The system will prepopulate these boxes when you re-enroll in the future based on what you entered this year.
- (5) Once you have clicked the "Submit Enrollment" button the profile's "Club" selection and any officer positions that were chosen cannot be edited.
- (6) Please remember that enrollment in the Shooting Sports project has requirements in addition to selecting the project during the enrollment process. Please read the shooting sports eligibility requirements at http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/doc55857.ashx.
- (7) The emergency contact should be someone other than a parent/guardian.
- (8) After you submit the enrollment, if you receive an email saying more information is required, please read all the way through the email! The items that need to be edited will be listed at the very bottom of the email you receive.

As in previous years we are asking returning 4-H members to complete enrollment by <u>December 1, 2014</u>. If you have any questions please contact your club leader, as they attended a training on the new enrollment process.

Project Selection - The Project Guide is online at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. The Project Guide has been modified to cater to Johnson County specifically. We hope this guide will explain projects better to new 4-H families.

Participation Form - This year a hard copy Participation Form is still needed on file at the Extension office by **December 1, 2014**. For the 2015-2016 4-H year, both Enrollment and Participation Forms will be completed online. You can find the Participation form at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

New 4-H Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation, February 8, 2015, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Extension office for all 1st and 2nd year 4-H families. To register please complete the information at http://goo.gl/forms/WrLub1ITg2. The link is also posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. As new families join our 4-H program, welcome them with open arms AND information. If they, or anyone else you know of, are not receiving the monthly newsletter, please direct them to the Johnson County website or our office. Thank you for your help in this area as we begin our new 4-H year and the online enrollment process.

County Project Opportunities

Tailwaggers Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tailwaggers Dog project will be opening registration for the 2015 training season on December 1, 2014. All registration materials must be submitted no later than December 19, 2014. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 21. Agility training sessions will be held on Sundays (2-4 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting February 8. A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcounty-wideprojects under the Tailwaggers Dog Project heading. Or you may contact Denise McKenny at 913-515-8574.

Countywide Photography Project

Capture your friends, family and important events through photography. Learn about basic and advanced film cameras, and/or digital cameras, and how to plan, compose, light and exhibit your photos. Advance into wide-angle and telephoto lenses, filters, light meters and computer enhancement.

Upcoming meetings:

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 10</u>, <u>2015</u>, 3 p.m., <u>Plaza photo shoot</u> - Meet at Antioch Library parking lot (corner of Antioch Rd. and Shawnee Mission Parkway). We will go over nighttime photography and then walk around the Plaza. The holiday lights will still be on. Bring your camera and tripod if you have one and dress for the weather. It often becomes much colder when the sun goes down.

Email questions to the Ladd Family at theladds5@gmail.com.

The schedule for countywide photography meetings is also posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcountywideprojects.

Dog Club Spring Training Enrollment Information

When: Thursday evenings, February 14 - April 30, 2015

February 14 - Mandatory Orientation meeting (no dogs at this meeting)

Sunday, February 8, at Noon - Mandatory agility workshop for all agility participants

Where: Green Building, Johnson County Fairgrounds

To enroll, return the registration form, fees, proof of vaccination, and parent volunteer form to Tammy Locke by January 13, 2015. Please make checks payable to: Johnson County 4H Dog Club. The forms can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hlivestock. You may mail or email the forms to Tammy at 32654 W. 171st Court, Gardner, KS 66030 or Tammy.Locke@Unilever.com. If you have any questions feel free to email or call Tammy (913-206-7079).

Project Resources Available

There are a variety of project resource books in the office available to purchase. They typically cost less than \$5 and have a lot of activities and lessons about each specific project. They are also usually broken down to match the skill or age level of the 4-H'er. Stop by the office to take a look at the materials or call or email Christin for more information.

Local Opportunities

Countywide Junior Leaders

Next meeting: Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office

Who is eligible? Any 4-H'er between the ages of 12-18 who is interested in expanding their leadership opportunities and further developing their leadership skills in a fun environment with other 4-H'ers from across the county!

New meeting date and time: 3rd Thursday of <u>every</u> month at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Please also visit the Johnson County 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hjuniorleaders</u> for information about the potential Citizen Washington Focus delegation trip for summer 2016.

County Council Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1^{st} Monday of every other month at 7 p.m. (The first meeting of the year was held November 3.)

On the off-month of Council meetings the newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the 1st Monday at 7 p.m. starting on December 1. If you have any questions please contact Tara.

Sign up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our county-wide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated adult volunteers and 4-H'ers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives from each club. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hcouncil. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to email Amanda with their name, the name of the committee(s) they would like to join, and their phone number and email by January 1, 2015.

Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

What: The Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event is designed for future and present day leaders! This is open to youth ages 12-18 years old as well as volunteers/adults. This is an event that will help to create leadership skills with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas.

When: January 31, 2015, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Manhattan, Ks. Registration closes January 15. (Registration with a t-shirt closes January 1.) The cost of the event is \$25 which includes workshops, lunch, snack, and a t-shirt (if registered by January 1). To register go to www.Kansas4-H.org and click on "4-H Event Registration."

Why: If you are looking for a one day leadership experience with new friends, leadership skills, and great ideas to take back to your clubs then you should attend!

The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is put on by the Northeast Area Representatives from the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

Local Opportunities

Volunteer Orientations for the Volunteer Screening Process

Are you a leader in your club? Are you leading 4-H youth through project work? Then you need to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process and become a Registered Volunteer. This process is designed to keep you safe as well as the 4-H'er. One part of the process is the orientation. You can either do this online or attend an in-person orientation. In-person orientations will be held at the Extension office.

<u>Dates:</u> January 14, 2015 – 7-8:30 p.m.

January 29, 2015 – 6:30-8 p.m. February 24, 2015 – 7-8:30 p.m.

To register complete the form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19MU9KxwoQJ5yh4DRjYmfpjfxE]bFdQbEPH9cYwCBmw4/viewform.

Still have questions about becoming a Registered 4-H Volunteer? Please call the office or visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer for more details.

2015 Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. To get a better idea of what Club Day is all about ask members of your club that have participated in the past. You can also look over the guidelines found at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubday.

Registration and payment will open on January 5, and will be due February 6. More details to come in January's Clover Clips.



Congratulations to Cion Hamilton and Sue Pio for 35 wonderful years working to make the best better in Johnson County!!!!!

Local Opportunities

Master 4-H Volunteer

The Kansas Master 4-H Volunteer program is designed to increase the resources available to the local 4-H program, recognize a special dedicated volunteer, rejuvenate a longtime volunteer and keep the expertise of a volunteer ready for a change. The Master 4-H Volunteer program is for 4-H leaders who are looking for a new role and/or want to step up their volunteer contributions to 4-H. Master 4-H Volunteers fulfill a role mutually determined with the 4-H agent. This role could be many different things depending on the needs of the local 4-H program and the interests of the volunteer. Master 4-H Volunteers receive training to prepare them to accept the agreed upon role in the local 4-H program. Master 4-H Volunteers do things that are important to the local program—things that increase the opportunities for youth in 4-H. If all of this sounds like **YOU**, please contact Tara and visit about the possibilities prior to the upcoming Master 4-H Volunteer training. The 2015 Master 4-H Volunteer training will be February 20-21, 2015, in Manhattan and at Rock Springs. Registration is due February 1, 2015. Full information and registration is posted at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=491.

Johnson County 4-H T-shirts

These t-shirts are a Johnson County 4-H Council fundraiser. 4-H Council provides many opportunities for 4-H'ers throughout the year. By buying a t-shirt you are helping to fund some of these great opportunities. 4-H Council relies on fundraisers such as the 4-H food stand and this year's t-shirt sales to provide those opportunities. Cost per shirt is \$10. There are youth sizes small to XL and adult sizes small to XL and 3XL. Contact your Club Leader to place an order.



SAVE THE DATE!

2015 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 20-21, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be February 28, in Weber Arena at KSU. Johnson County Club Day will be March 7, at Wheatridge Middle School. Johnson County Invitational Dog Show will be April 9, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds. 2015 Discovery Days will be May 26-29, at Kansas State University. Fantastic 4-H Camp will be June 6-9, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
Johnson County Agility/Rally-O Dog Show will be July 10, at the Johnson Co. Fairgrounds.

National/International Opportunities

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015

The 2015 Citizenship Washington Focus is June 11-22, 2015. Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. Registration closes January 15, 2015 or when the limit of 46 youth and 4-5 chaperones is reached. If you are interested in attending or chaperoning visit the CWF webpage at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=456 for more information.

State Opportunities

2015-2016 Academic Exchanges with Japan and Korea

Kansas 4-H will be receiving inbound high school students from Japan and/or Korea during the next school year. There are no requirements for families with children or ages for host siblings. Any family interested in hosting a Japanese or Korean student in 2015-16 should contact Mary Kay Munson, 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for applications and information. Bios of students will be available in late January.

4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the Seventh Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team is scheduled for Sunday, January 11, 2015, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas Jayhawks.

Tip-off will be at 1 p.m. Each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, hot dog and a drink for \$18. For more details, please go to http://www.Kansas4-H.org. The registration form is posted under "What's Hot." Registration must be postmarked by December 15.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification Training Details

The Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification training will be held January 30 – February 1, 2015, in Kinsley, Ks., at the Edwards County Fair Building. Beginning the training on Friday evening allows for covering all four phases of the Dog Care and Training Project in one weekend. This is also a good opportunity for local project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Details for registration will be available at http://www.Kansas4-H.org in early December. Registration will be due January 15, 2015.

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action (CIA), will be February 15-16, in Topeka. Any youth 13-18 years old before January 1, 2015 is able to attend. Prior 4-H membership is *not* required to attend. CIA is an opportunity for youth to learn about the legislative process, and for legislators to see the positive impacts of 4-H. Delegates should be prepared to discuss issues and topics when they meet with their senators and representatives. Registration is \$165 and due January 15. \$100 scholarships are available again this year. To find the scholarship application, register for CIA, or for more information visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=420.

Horse Panorama

The 2015 Horse Panorama is January 23-25, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. For more information visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=425. Registration will be due before January 15, 2015.

2015 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The 2015 Kansas 4-H Scholarship form-fillable (Word) application can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=479. There is also a link on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms. 4-H members wanting to apply must submit completed applications to the Extension office by Monday, January 26, 2015. Scholarship selection is based on 4-H merit: 40% on 4-H leadership; 30% on 4-H citizenship/community service in 4-H; 20% on 4-H participation and recognition; and 10% on non-4-H participation, leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community. Graduating 4-H seniors and college 4-H students/alumni are encouraged to apply. Johnson County has been fortunate in the past few years to have 4-H'ers receive one of the limited, distinguished 4-H scholarships.

December

- 1 Online Enrollment and Participation forms due for returning 4-H members
 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Club orders for Jo. Co. 4-H T-shirts due
- 17 Ambassadors meeting
- 18 Junior Leaders meeting
- 19 Tailwaggers Dog Project registration due
- 25-26 Christmas Holiday/Extension office Closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day/Extension office Closed
 - Council Committee selections due
- 5 County Council meeting
 - County Club Day Registration opens
- 10 Countywide Photography Project Plaza Photo Shoot
- 13 Dog Club Spring Training Enrollment due
- 14 Volunteer Orientation
- 15 Junior Leaders meeting
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/Extension office Closed
- 27 Club Leader Meeting
- 29 Volunteer Orientation

Check out www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms for the 2014 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips News

Clover Clips will no longer be password protected on the website. We hope this will make Clover Clips more accessible to all of our 4-H'ers.

Submission Deadline - The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 20th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2014 4-H Calendar at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms 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.



Johnson County 4-H on Facebook

'Like' our Facebook page to get the most up-to-date information and news about the happenings of Johnson County 4-H! Visit www.facebook.com/

Leader Update

Community Club Leader Meetings

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings.

Upcoming meetings: January 27
April 28

*All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Tara.

Club Reminders

Enrollment - As in previous years we are asking returning 4-H members to complete enrollment by <u>December 1, 2014</u>.

Participation Forms - Participation forms for all returning 4-H'ers are <u>due to the Extension office by 5 p.m.</u> on <u>December 1, 2014</u>. The participation form can be found at http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hforms.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

<u>Direct Volunteer:</u> A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, county-wide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.) **Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

<u>Episodic Volunteer:</u> A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

<u>Indirect Volunteer:</u> A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is <u>not</u> required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.ksu.edu/4H volunteer.

Club T-shirt Order Form

The order form can be found at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12GEcRl5Ra8F5M34JME63i
HnfHuBlx-epw-KMsOCzNZs/viewform. Please submit your club orders anytime between now and December 1. We ask that you pay for the t-shirts in full when you pick them up and then distribute them to your club members. Please email Amanda with any questions.

Leader Update

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Club Leader Resources Page

Don't forget to check out the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hclubleaders.