



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Summer is here which means the county FAIR is right around the corner! This one event spotlights the year round effort of the 4-H'ers' mastery of their projects. From geology to rabbits 4-H youth work hard to highlight and put their best efforts forward to showcase their knowledge of their projects.

Two highlights for this month:

*PLEASE read your Fair Book. The online version can be found here: <http://www.jocokansasfair.com/2014%204H%20Book%204%2025.pdf>. Each department has very detailed information on how to prepare entries for that specific department.

*The 4-H Youth Development pages on the Extension website have been re-designed. Please take the time to check them out.

We will see you at the Fair! -Tara

Emerald Circle Banquet

by Jesse Gunkel, Great Plains and County Council Reporter

On June 4th, Kansas 4-H Youth Development held the 31st Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan, Kansas, to celebrate accomplished 4-H club members. The select 4-H club members from across the state were recognized for winning either a project KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) or a scholarship. The theme for the 2014 Emerald Circle was Igniting Imagination and was hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies, Janet Borrows. The purpose of this theme was to encourage each of the 4-H members to be a leader, find solutions to problems and make more leaders by teaching others.

Before the KAP winners won at the state level, they first had to win at their respective county. The Award Portfolio is awarded for work done in the project, leadership in the project, and community service in that project. There were 32 project winners which included beef, clothing, fiber arts, citizenship, photography, foods and nutrition, health, communications, energy management, plant science, etc. Winners from the county level had their KAPs judged at the area/regional level, then went on to state judging. For state,

each club member had to prepare a video interview about their project to be judged with their records. Only one KAP in each project was chosen as the winner of the state level. Each winner was invited to the Emerald Circle Banquet to be recognized for their hard work and receive a medallion award. /See *Emerald Circle Banquet* page 5



Fair Edition

2014 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2014 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at <http://www.jocokansasfair.com/Fair%20Book.htm>. The Johnson County Fair Board has again graciously provided each 4-H family with a hard copy of the fair book free of charge. Fair books will be distributed through club leaders this summer.

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged at the county fair will be due July 23. All entries for home environment, fiber arts, clothing construction, fashion revue, and dog show will also be due on July 1. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division unless approved by the Fair Board.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to submit a stall request by July 1. All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the July 23 deadline. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H'er's name who is exhibiting the animal by July 23. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries will be accepted this year, there will be no paper entries. Entries are available online at www.jocokansasfair.com. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation.

After the entry deadline adding a class/entry is not an option. If you are not sure about what you are taking to the fair, please wait until closer to the deadline to make your entries. This will help keep dropped entries to a minimum as the Fair Board has to pay for each dropped entry.

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers with non-animal projects are encouraged to print their entry tags at home.

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (as of January 1, 2014) are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by July 3. Interviews and presentations will be scheduled for Saturday, July 12. Coronation will take place during the Fashion Revue on July 24. All application documents and additional information about Mr. & Miss 4-H can be found at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hopportunities>. Questions about Mr. and Miss 4-H can be directed to Lynette Willis at Lynette476@gmail.com or 913-269-0677. You may also contact Susan Rogers at srgateway2000@gmail.com or 913-226-6167.

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels, including Food Preservation labels, are available to pick up at the Extension office as well as on Johnson County 4-H's website at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hfair to print off at home. Clothing labels can be made by typing, or printing in ink, on a 3" x 5" piece of white cloth: Class Number, Name, and Address. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Photo Mats

The Extension office has photo mats available for photography project members to purchase. Each mat is \$1.15. Photos exhibited in the 4-H photography division at the county fair will require a photo mat. The Extension office also has photo mounting directions available.

Fair Edition (continued)

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, July 29 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 4-H building. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts at age 7. Cloverbuds can bring a maximum of two projects to show and share. Each Cloverbud will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. A sign-up sheet will be available Monday evening and Tuesday morning during the entry check-in inside the 4-H building. For a list of approved pets for Cloverbuds, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399> and choose the Cloverbuds Policies link. Projects that are reasonable in size and are not living/breathing will be displayed in the 4-H building and available for pick up Sunday, August 3.

Project Check-in

Projects will be checked in on Monday, July 28, from 6:30-9 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Please plan on arriving before 10 a.m. to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Live-stock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 3. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make arrangements with another 4-H'er to pick up their entries by Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries. All 4-H entries and premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean-up.

4-H Food Stand

Each year the Johnson County 4-H Council has a food stand at the county fair. This is our ONLY fundraiser for the County Council. County Council funds Achievement Celebration, transportation for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, trip scholarships for 4-H'ers, Family Night and Officers Training, County and Regional Club Days and much more. A two hour shift at the food stand is a small price to pay for a year of all the great county-wide activities. The food stand schedule and information sheet is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hfair>. All 4-H families working the food stand should review the information sheet prior to the county fair to ensure a successful and fun food stand shift! The information sheet will be posted soon. On the evening of Monday, July 28, each club will need to send two adult volunteers to your club's assigned time. Those volunteers will need to also work during your club's assigned shift later in the week. This will help with efficiency and organization of the food stand.

4-H Foods Judging

The 4-H foods judging will take place at Wheatridge Middle School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 28.

Canning and Preservation fair classes: 4-H'ers should only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging. This is a food safety issue.

Fair Edition (continued)

Livestock T-shirts

All 4-H'ers exhibiting beef, sheep, goats and swine are required to wear blue jeans and the official Johnson County Fair Livestock Show t-shirt. The color this year is the same as last year which is turquoise. Each livestock exhibitor will need to wear their turquoise shirt for their respective show(s). Shirts are \$6 each and ordering needs to be placed through your club leader. Club Leaders please see the Leader section on page 9 for details on placing the order.

Livestock and Project Auction Update

Livestock Auction: Exhibitors must turn in auction forms to sell their livestock to the fair office by 12 p.m. Friday, or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the beef show, along with a W-9 IRS form.

Project Auction: Project auction forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday along with a W-9 IRS form, no exceptions.

It is against policy of the Johnson County Fair for any livestock or projects sold at the 4-H/FFA auction to be shown at any other county, state or national competition.

2013 Fair Premium Checks

If you still have your 2013 premium check hanging out in your house, closet, or barn please cash it **IMMEDIATELY!** The bank will honor checks up to 6 months from date of issue.

State Fair Photography Update

From the 2014 State Fair Photography section:

- Photographic subject matter is expected to follow 4-H standards. For a sense of prohibited subject matter, review the Kansas 4-H member Code of Conduct; in general, if it is not allowable at a 4-H event, it is not allowable in a 4-H photograph at the State Fair.
- Photos with live subject(s) on railroad right away or taken from railroad right of way property will not be displayed in Kansas 4-H Photography and may receive a ribbon penalty.
- Copyright protections must be observed.
- Decisions as to display and/or penalties will be made by the Photography Department Superintendent and the 4-H Specialist responsible for the photography department.

Fashion Revue Tips for Exhibitors and Judges

Retired State Specialist Steve Fisher put together a helpful piece on Fashion Revue Tips for a Judges Training this spring that is appropriate for both exhibitors and judges. This resource can be found on the Clothing and Textiles Project page at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=544> under General Clothing and Textiles Resources.

State Fair Entries

All 4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter the exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the state fair may sign up in the fair office from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 30 through Friday, August 1. 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2014 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State Fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 12. Please note all livestock entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15. ♦

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Horsemanship Clinic

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club will be having a horsemanship clinic at the Johnson County Fairgrounds Horse Arena at 1 p.m. on July 12. This clinic will be conducted in conjunction with the open horse show. AQHA Judge Cheto Scheets will be conducting a horsemanship clinic free to any 4-H member participating in the 9 a.m. horse show. The focus of the clinic will be on "Control of the Five Body Parts of a Horse."

Upcoming Horse Show

The horse shows are open to 4-H members and are scheduled as follows:

July 12, 2014 at 9 a.m. – *Practice Show at Johnson County Fairgrounds*

The Show Bill/Entry Form is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

Modeling & Informational Class for 4-H'ers in Fashion Revue and Clothing Construction at the Fair

On July 17, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a modeling and information class that is open to everyone that is in clothing construction, buymanship, and everything under \$15. This class will help you understand what to bring to judging on July 19. Also, the class will help new 4-H'ers learn how to model and give those that have done it before a chance to refine their skills. No RSVP is needed. If you have questions, contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812.

Project Enrollment

Project enrollment as of May 1, 2014, is posted at www.johnson.ksu.edu/4HForms. The deadline for adding projects was May 1. New and returning 4-H members are required to be enrolled in the appropriate projects in order to be eligible to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair. Please double check the list for accuracy. 4-H'ers who notice an error and have proper documentation (either by the Add/Drop form or the back of the Enrollment form) should contact Christin.

Check out the **NEW** Johnson County 4-H Website!

Here are just a few things you will notice with the newly reorganized Johnson County 4-H Website:

- There is now a tab called "Youth Opportunities". This includes information about 4-H Council, Achievement Night, Ambassadors, Camps, Club Day, Countywide Projects, Food Fare, Johnson County Fair, Junior Leaders, Kansas State Fair, Livestock and Mr. and Miss 4-H.
- We have added some information on our "About/Join" page to try to make it easier for new families to learn about all that 4-H has to offer. /See *New Website* page 9

Emerald Circle Banquet Continued from page 1

The winners of the KAPs win a scholarship to go to the 2014 4-H National Congress held in Atlanta, Georgia. Five 4-H club members represented Johnson County, Kansas, at this banquet. These Johnson County winners are: Zach Nason for Communications, Jessica Gunkel for Fiber Arts, Anna Hester for Health and Wellness, Evan Eschliman for Plant Science, Carley Eschliman for Reading. Zach, Anna and Jessica are from Great Plains 4-H Club in Shawnee/Lenexa and Evan and Carley are from Country Hearts 4-H Club in Olathe. ♦

Local Opportunities

Blood Drive to Support One of Our Own! - July 7

Katy Gregory was the community leader for the Great Plains 4-H Club for many years. Mrs. Gregory's goal was always to get kids involved and engaged in 4-H and to help them achieve at the highest level. She has been a true blessing to many of us. However, Mrs. Gregory has been battling cancer. She has required a number of blood transfusions as she has been receiving chemotherapy. We would like to honor Mrs. Gregory and all that she has done for the 4-H community by organizing a blood drive in her name on Monday, July 7, from 3-7 p.m. at the Extension office. All registered donors will receive a free Royals/Community Blood Center t-shirt and a chance to win a trip for 4 to Disney World. If you are willing to donate, have any questions, or need help registering please contact, Anna Hester, at johnandglen-da@everestkc.net or 913-492-5814. Please know that you must be at least 16 years old (with parental consent) and weigh at least 115 pounds to donate. Please join Anna in this important task by donating in support of Mrs. Gregory.

Volunteers Needed!

Enthusiastic and energetic volunteers ages 15 and older are needed for the Science Explorations day camp! Interested volunteers should complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/SummerCampVolunteer>.

Apply to be a Food Stand Helper at the 2014 Johnson County Fair

Applications for fair Food Stand helpers are now being accepted. You must be 16 years of age or older to apply. The application, with job requirements, is posted at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hfair>. Applications are due to the Extension office, or can be e-mailed to mmp4powell@yahoo.com, by July 9.

Livestock Grant and Mentor Applications

The Johnson County Livestock Association has just announced funding for their 4-H livestock grant and mentor program. And the good news is they have increased funding. The grant program awards \$1,100 to a 4-H'er enrolled in the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'er in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. Experienced 4-H'ers who apply to the mentor program could earn \$500 for the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'er in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. If you would like an opportunity to apply for the grant or mentor program, please fill out an application by the July 15 due date. Applications are available at the Extension office or online at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1136>.

Johnson County Extension Education Foundation (JCEEF) Update

After returning from a self-imposed hiatus last year, our JCEEF Board is rejuvenated and energized for the upcoming year. The JCEEF was organized in 1997 as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. The primary purpose of JCEEF is to be an advocate for and increase the visibility of Extension in the community by raising and granting funds to further Extension programming. Projects and activities in our core programming areas of Ag and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H and Youth Development, Community Development, and Horticulture have benefited greatly in the past from these grants. In fact the Foundation has provided over \$50,000 in small grants to support our core programming areas since 2003.

The majority of the money raised by the JCEEF comes from membership dues and an annual dinner and auction event.

Foundation Dinner and Auction

Please save the date for our dinner and auction this year which will be held at the Extension office on the evening of Saturday, November 15.

State Opportunities

Rock Springs 4-H Center Sustainable Gardening Day Camp

When: Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

What: Construct and decorate a rain barrel and receive resources for collecting rain water in your garden. Learn about and taste the difference between organically and conventionally grown produce. See compost and vermiculture (worm composting) practices in action. Take home plants that will attract beneficial insects. Make your own salsa recipe and see how it stacks up against the other campers!

Who: Families and/or individuals 12 and over

Fee: Family Rate-\$50 for up to 4, each additional participant \$10

Individual Rate-\$25 (includes lunch, two snacks, resources and a rain barrel)

RSVP: By July 11 to guarantee your rain barrel

Questions or to reserve a space: Contact Mandy Kern, mkern@rocksprings.net or 620-412-1725.

***Want to participate in traditional camp activities? Register for the Family Camp and make it a weekend with added activities such as swimming, horseback riding, canoes, archery, rifles and campfire. Family Camp is from Friday at 4 p.m. until 1 p.m. on Sunday. Additional lodging and meal rates will apply.*

2014 Kansas 4-H & FFA State Wheat Show

The annual Kansas 4-H and FFA State Wheat Show is on Thursday, August 7, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Pratt Area 4-H Center on the Pratt County Fairgrounds, 81 Lake Road, Pratt, KS 67124. The wheat show is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders, FFA members, vocational agriculture teachers and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be two tours. The registration cost is \$5 per person. Pre-registration will be required by Friday, August 1, to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. To register, visit <http://www.cvent.com/d/24qczg>. For more information about the wheat show, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=432>. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat show planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: dwaldren@ksu.edu.



Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes

The Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes has been scheduled for August 23-24, 2014. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. A special prize will be awarded to the county that does the best in all four contests. Rules and past winners can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu. Registration forms will need to be postmarked by August 1. Complete information for 2014 will be available soon on the Youth Livestock webpage.

2014 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled for Saturday, August 23. Once again, the contest will be held in Throckmorton Hall on the K-State Campus. State Horticulture Judging has a page on the 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=442>. On this site you can find 2013-2014 Written Exam Materials, Horticulture ID Scorecard (plant list for ID section), Plant Materials Study Guide (this site contains photos of many of the plants on the ID list) and a link to the "Kansas Garden Guide."

July

- 1 - Volunteer Orientation Training
 - Entries for Clothing Construction, Dogs, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Home Environment, and Cage/Stall requests due online
- 3 - Mr. and Miss 4-H applications due to office
- 4 - Extension office Closed
- 7 - Blood Drive for Mrs. Gregory
 - County Council meeting
- 8-10 - Science Explorations Day Camp
- 9 - Food Stand Helper applications due to office
- 12 - Mr. and Miss 4-H interviews & presentations
 - Practice Horse Show (Jo. Co. Fairgrounds)
 - Horsemanship Clinic (Jo. Co. Fairgrounds)
- 15 - Livestock Grant/Mentor Applications due to office
- 16 - Volunteer Orientation Training
- 17 - Fashion Revue & Clothing Construction class
- 23 - Johnson Co. Fair Entries due (for entries not judged before Fair)
- 24 - Public Fashion Revue and Mr. and Miss 4-H Coronation (Wheatridge Middle School)
- 25 - Kansas State Fair Horse entries due to office
- 28 - Foods Judging (Wheatridge Middle School)
 - Evening Fair entry Check-in (6:30-9 p.m.)
- 29 - Morning Fair entry Check-in (8-10 a.m.)
 - Cloverbuds Show & Share (Jo. Co. Fairgrounds)
- 30-Aug. 1 - State Fair Entry sign-up in the Fair Office (3-5 p.m.)

August

- 3 - Fair entry pick up 9-9:30 a.m.
- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
- 12 - State Fair entries due to office

**Dates and information for Spring Shows and other events in other counties can be found by following the link near the bottom of our Livestock page at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=883>.

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/JohnsonCountyKS4H to like our page.

Leader Update

Volunteer Orientation Training Dates

If you are working with 4-H youth then come and participate in the Volunteer Orientation! * This training will fulfill one of the two requirements for the VIP process. Bring your application, or fill it out on site, and you will have completed the VIP process and we will do the rest of the work to get you fully registered as a Johnson County 4-H Volunteer. All trainings will be held at the Johnson County Extension office.

Tuesday, July 1
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16
6-7 p.m.

To register for the training please complete the online form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1b80eUlcq3aeD8HMZuaXivoUgcT5gIMiXzq6mSd1s4Yo/viewform>.

*Not wanting to do an in-person training? Then feel free to do the online orientation and fill out the application in the convenience of your own home.

Visit <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4Hvolunteer> to get started today!

Please contact Tara with any questions

By-Laws Request

If you have not filed your Community Club's By-Laws with the Extension office in the past year we are requesting you do this for your Club's file. If you have any questions or think it is time to update your by-laws please let me know and I would be more than happy to help out with the suggested requirements. -Tara

Fair Project Pick up

Club Leaders, please collect any projects that have not been picked up by 4-H'ers in your club by 10:00 a.m. on Sunday during fair clean up.

Livestock T-Shirts

Shirts will be sorted by club name and picked up by a representative of each club on Wednesday, July 30, at 7 a.m. at the livestock pavilion.

New Website Continued from page 5

- "Countywide Projects" and "SPIN Club" pages are also an addition to the website. These are both great ways for us to communicate to 4-H'ers and new members about some of the great resources Johnson County 4-H has to offer.
- We have also made improvements to our "Volunteer" page by adding more information. This is such an important part of 4-H and we want potential volunteers to be knowledgeable about what our program has to offer.
- A new "Alumni" page has been created to learn about all those great 4-H Alumni from across the country that we have living in Johnson County.

Please take some time to browse through all the new pages and information at <http://www.johnson.ksu.edu/4H>.

We welcome your feedback on the new website as well.