



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

During this time of uncertainty, taking care of ourselves and one another physically, mentally, and emotionally is key. Remember to take a breath and take it day-by-day for your health, your 4-H'er, and the community. Many things including Seal and Pin Requirements for this year will be adjusted.

Brainstorm ways for your 4-H'er to participate in civic engagement, thinking beyond one's individual self-interest and thinking about the well-being of your community. It might be mowing for a neighbor, picking up litter during your daily walk, or brightening someone's day with sidewalk art on your driveway. Stay positive and encourage your 4-H'ers to look forward to fun summer events such as 4-H Camp at the beautiful Rock Springs and improving or learning new skills to showcase at the Johnson County Fair.

Let's stay optimistic, be willing to try something new and continue to support one another. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here to answer any questions, brainstorm ideas, and to support you and your family. Please take care! –Ami

## A Note from Amanda

4-H families,

If you haven't already heard, I wanted to let you know that I have accepted another position and my last day with Johnson County Extension will be April 1. I will miss all the great families and volunteers I have had the honor of working with the past 8 years. I unfortunately won't get the chance to say goodbye to any of you because of the current situation, but wish only the best for all of you in your future 4-H endeavors. Thank you again for the great memories and the kindness you have all shown during my time with Extension. –Amanda Fraunfelder

## Extension's COVID-19 Protocol

Thank you for your understanding as we adapt our policies regarding Johnson County Extension programming in accordance to recommendations from Kansas State University and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All K-State Research and Extension face-to-face events conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers and targeted for our constituents through May 16 must be cancelled, postponed or held via Zoom or other distance technology.

### What does that mean for 4-H?

- Volunteers and 4-H'ers cannot provide or participate in any face-to-face programs, meetings, or services to the community on behalf of K-State Research and Extension.

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## Tips for 4-H Families During COVID-19 Protocol (continued)

- Community Club meetings may need to be cancelled or held digitally.  
\*\*We can help host Zoom meetings that can be accessed through a laptop, Chromebook, tablet or phone. If you would like to explore those options, please reach out to Ami at [ami.lin@jocogov.org](mailto:ami.lin@jocogov.org).\*\*
- 4-H'ers can continue to work on their 4-H projects with support from their family. Going outdoors is not cancelled – continue your work on 4-H projects while maintaining safe hygiene and social distancing recommendations.
  - ⇒ This is an opportunity to learn a new skill or make progress on a long-term project that has been on hold.
  - ⇒ Practice community service from home. Write letters to seniors in senior living facilities, knit beanies for hospitalized patients, make dog toys, etc.
  - ⇒ Practice a different form of “public speaking” by recording demonstration videos. We are looking to create a library of digital project videos so please share your knowledge with us!
  - ⇒ Send thank you letters and messages to the hospital staff working to address the pandemic.

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## **Taking 4-H Club and Project Meetings Digital**

Continue to learn, grow, and meet with your 4-H club or project group by meeting digitally! Some 4-H programs are already meeting digitally and if your club or project group is one of them find instructions and tips for meeting using Zoom on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4\\_HAtHome.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4_HAtHome.html).

Club and project leaders, please reach out to Ami if you are interested in learning more about meeting digitally. If you are ready to get started just contact Ami with a date and time for your meeting and she will work with you to get it set up.

### **Quick Tips for Accessing a Meeting:**

- \* Your leader will send you a link to access the meeting from a computer, Chromebook, tablet, or smartphone (least recommended).
- \* If it is your first time using Zoom, please log-in 10-15 minutes before the meeting to download the application (“Zoom Cloud Meetings”) and to test the microphone and audio.
- \* A document with instructions and more tips for using Zoom is posted on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4\\_HAtHome.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4_HAtHome.html).

# National Opportunity

## **2021 4-H Youth in Action Awards**

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the core pillar areas of: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

One Pillar Winner will be selected as the 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner and will receive an additional higher education scholarship. For more information and the application process, visit <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/#!/overview>. The submission deadline is April 27, 2020.

# Program, Event & Deadline Updates

The following are upcoming events in the next few months. Please note the events in **bold** that have either been moved to a digital format, cancelled, or postponed through May 16. More details for Zoom meetings will be sent directly to those involved.

- March 26-29, 2020 – State 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor & Apprentice Training - **Postponed**
- March 29-May 10, 2020 – JoCo Archery SPIN Club - **Cancelled**
- April 15, 2020 – JoCo Ambassadors Meeting at 7 p.m. on **Zoom**
- April 17-18, 2020 – JoCo Spring Beef Show & Tagging - **Postponed**
- April 18, 2020 – State 4-H Spring Match - **Postponed**
- May 4, 2020 – JoCo 4-H Council Meeting at 7 p.m. on **Zoom**
- May 27-29, 2020 – 4-H Discovery Days
- May 29-31, 2020 – JoCo Goat, Sheep, Swine & Bucket Calf Weigh-in and Shows
- June 19-22, 2020 – Fantastic 4-H Camp
- June 22-25, 2020 – Campference

Countywide Project Meetings:

- Knitting Meetings (April 3, May 1) – **Cancelled/Postponed for after May 16**
- Astronomy Meetings (April 5, May 3) – **Cancelled/Postponed for after May 16**
- Rabbit Meeting (April 6) – **Cancelled/Postponed for after May 16**
- Sewing Meetings (Thursdays through May 16) – **Cancelled/Postponed for after May 16**

\* Please contact your leader regarding club, project, and other meetings or events. If a county or state event or program is not listed, please contact Ami for updates.

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## **A Note from the Johnson County Fair Board:**

Dear Friends of the Johnson County Fair,

A lot of you have been having concerns about the fair as we cope through these trying times. All of us are having the same feelings of uneasiness. What I can assure you is members of the Johnson County Fair Board are still focused and determined to proceed with planning for our 2020 fair. Improvements started a few months ago and we are still moving forward with them.

What part can you play? What should you do? First and most importantly please stay safe and healthy. Follow guidelines our government has suggested. Use this time as a blessing to work more on your projects, make crafts, bake for your family and get those animals show ready. Let's take this time to get ahead of the game! There is nothing more we would like to see than our buildings filled to the brim with entries!

The spring shows will take place, maybe just rescheduled. As soon as we know we will let you know.

For the time being, stay in and stay safe. Together let's make the 2020 Johnson County Fair *the **BIGGEST** and **BEST** ever!*

Sincerely,

Denise King, Johnson County Fair Board President

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be April 29-May 10 at TSC stores and online.

**Johnson County Fair** will be July 26-August 1 in Gardner.

**State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest** will be August 15 at Kansas State University.

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 22-23 at Kansas State University.

**Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser** will be October 7-18 at TSC stores and online.

**48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge** will be October 10-11.

# Important Upcoming Deadlines

## **Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status**

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and have an Active status in 4HOnline to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

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## **\*New Info\* Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates**

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. **\*\*UPDATE:** Due to the current situation, properly completed forms will only be accepted by email. Please scan the form, then email to Ami ([ami.lin@jocogov.org](mailto:ami.lin@jocogov.org)) and Christin ([christin.bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org)).

**NOTE:** The Horse ID Certificate has been updated for the 2020 4-H year. This updated form **must** be used for this year. Appropriate forms are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Also posted on the webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. It can only be one page (front and back).

**4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations** - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

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## **Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 7 for more information about YQCA Certification.

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## **Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2020**

4HOnline opened October 1, 2019 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **If you or your 4-H'er have not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family is missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2020 enrollments in 4HOnline is now being used. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H staff.

**NOTE:** There is a known issue when some users try to pay the Kansas 4-H Program fee with a credit/debit card during enrollment in 4HOnline. If you are having trouble using a card, please contact Christin for help or choose the option to pay by check and mail it to the Kansas 4-H office. Sorry for any inconvenience.

# County Fair Updates

## **Fair Tip of the Month: Check out the Kansas State Fair Handbook**

The Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook is now available at [www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/). This is the perfect time to explore the State Fair Handbook and find opportunities that your 4-H'er might be interested in exploring this year! Here's a short summary of some updates to the State Fair Book. (This is not a complete list - please review the Fair Book for the most accurate information.)

- Dog Show will be held on September 5, 2020 at the Expo Center.
- Forestry – Rules updated and divisions have been adjusted.
- Home Environment – Rules updated and Educational Poster/Display has been replaced with Design Board.
- Horse Show – Rules, dates, and classes have been updated.
- Photography – Growth and Career Portfolio classes have been added.
- SpaceTech – Rules updated and divisions have been adjusted.

## **Changes to the 2020 Fair Schedule**

In an effort to provide an additional day for the community to view 4-H projects, the Fair Board and the Extension office have decided to make the following changes to the schedule:

Event Being Changed	New Time	Notes
Livestock Stall Decorations	Saturday 1 p.m.–Sunday 1 p.m. or upon completion of Dog Show on Sunday or Monday night	<b>*Updated from January Clover Clips*</b> Sheep stall decoration and bedding cannot be placed until Tuesday morning.
Livestock Check-in	Tuesday 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep
Sheep Grooming Contest	Tuesday 4 p.m.	
Dairy Cattle	Wednesday 10 a.m.	
Rabbits & Poultry Accepted	Tuesday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.	This is the only time that they will be accepted
Dairy Goats	Wednesday 12 p.m.	
Livestock Judging	Friday Check-in 12:30 p.m., Event starts at 1 p.m.	Awards will be held at the Memorial Building
Round Robin	Friday Check-in at 6 p.m.	

**New Event:** Sheep/Goat Costume Contest - Wednesday at 4 p.m. Open to any exhibitor showing sheep or goats. Contest consists of a short 5 minute or less narrative written by the exhibitor and costumes for both exhibitor and animal that go with the narrative. Judging will be based on originality, promotion of the sheep and/or goat projects, workmanship of costumes, and control of animal. Sign up will run similarly to the Beef and Sheep Grooming Contests. Contact Denise King at [kingflock@aol.com](mailto:kingflock@aol.com) with questions.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to provide the best possible schedule for our 4-H'ers and families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ami.**

## **Help Wanted: 4-H Food Stand**

Three responsible and organized adult volunteers are needed to serve as a 4-H Food Stand Manager or Assistant for this year's Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and more. The positions do come with a stipend. Please see the Position Descriptions posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html).





# Livestock Project Update & Shows

## **Update on 2020 Livestock Tagging**

- **Market Beef needing to be tagged for the state nomination deadline** - These families must contact Ag Agent, Jessica, at [jessica.barnett@jocogov.org](mailto:jessica.barnett@jocogov.org) by April 10 at the latest. Families will need to own an All-Flex tagger. (The Market Beef nomination deadline is May 1.)
- **Beef projects needing to be tagged for the Johnson County Fair** - Johnson County Extension will be working with the Fair Board to determine a tagging deadline and procedures.
- Tagging goats, sheep, swine, and bucket calves for the Johnson County Fair is still planned for the same dates and times in coordination with the Johnson County Spring Shows on May 30 and 31 and the evening of May 29.
- State nominations for commercial heifers, swine, sheep, and meat goats are due by June 15 to the KSU Youth Livestock Office and we anticipate being able to follow state show dates and guidelines.

## **2020 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

*Informational flyers with registration details for each show are posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html).*

**Spring Beef Show** - *postponed until further notice*

### **Spring Goat Show - May 30**

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### **Spring Sheep Show - May 30**

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, May 30, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### **Spring Swine Show - May 31**

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, May 31, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

### **Spring Bucket Calf Show - May 31**

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, May 31, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

# County Project Opportunities

## **YQCA Requirement for 2020 Fair**

**What is YQCA?** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal wellbeing, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with the youth, so the learning modules are different every year.

### **Who Needs to be certified?**

*Johnson County Fair Exhibitors:* All youth age 7 and older exhibiting in the cattle, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair.

*Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows:* All youth age 8 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification. 7-year-old exhibitors will be exempt for the 2020 year.

### **How do I get certified?**

Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training.

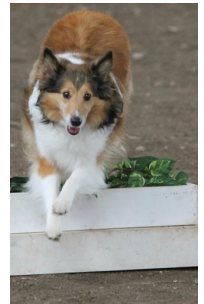
**\*\*There will be no more in-person trainings for 2020. YQCA certification must be completed online. If you have a 7-year old that needs to be certified, please contact Ami.** Trainings are registered for and paid for by going to [www.YQCA.org](http://www.YQCA.org) and logging into the system through 4HOnline. Registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website only. Online training is \$12 per youth, however for the month of April YQCA is offering a coupon for \$3 off the cost. For details on how to claim the coupon, review the documents at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

**\*\*Please remember to use your 4-HOnline information to login and print your YQCA Certificate to bring to County Fair.**

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## **Johnson County 4-H Dog Club 2020 Dog Shows**

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows this year. The first invitational show will be on June 13, starting at 8:30 a.m. Entries need to be sent in by June 8. There will be an invitational Rally-O and Agility only dog show on July 11 at 8:30 a.m. Entries for this show need to be sent in by July 6. Informational flyers are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). If you have questions, please contact Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.



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## **Don't Miss Out on the 4-H Fashion Revue**

Do you have a great outfit you are proud of and would like to show off? You can strut your stuff at the 4-H Fashion Revue this summer! The categories are Buymanship and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Buymanship or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1 in 4HOnline, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by the 4-H fair entry deadline. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book. Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 18, 2020. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 22. All 4-H'ers, gals and guys, are invited to come join the fun!

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## **Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!**

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes, at the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add "Public Presentation" to your fair entries this year! Blue and purple ribbons on Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations will be eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

# Local Opportunities

## **New Family Orientation—Digital Meeting**

We will be offering the (very first!) New Family Orientation Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020, from 6:30-8 p.m. This digital meeting is for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. Topics to be discussed will focus on the upcoming fair and there will be time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at <https://forms.gle/5BQWzfty5cw7ti889>. Registration is required by Monday, April 13. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation. If you are unfamiliar with digital Zoom meetings, please look over the instructions and tips document posted on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4\\_HAtHome.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/4_HAtHome.html) or contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

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## **Fantastic 4-H Camp**

### **Registration**

Fantastic 4-H Camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp is June 19-22 and is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS. The registration link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Registration closes May 1.

### **Counselors Needed**

Responsible and energetic teen volunteers are needed to serve as camp counselors for Fantastic 4-H Camp, and adults volunteers are always needed as well. Youth counselors must be age 15 or older and a complete volunteer screening is required for adult counselors. **New this year, all camp counselors will need to attend a mandatory overnight training at Rock Springs on June 18, 2020 starting at 4 p.m.** Registration for camp counselors is done through the same website as campers and the link is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). If you have any questions about being a camp counselor, contact Ami.

### **Camp Scholarships Available**

Johnson County 4-H has limited funds available for scholarships to award to Johnson County 4-H members attending Fantastic 4-H Camp. The scholarship application is posted on the Camps webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Scholarship applications are due to the Extension office by May 19, 2020. Applications may also be emailed to Christin at [christin.bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

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## **Summer Cooking Day Camps**

There are two dates available this year for the Cooking Day Camp: June 23-25 or July 14-16. Both sessions will feature the same recipes and activities, so please only sign up for one session so that all youth have a chance to participate. The Cooking Day Camps are open to youth ages 7-12 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration is \$50 per session and is now open. A link to register is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html).



# State Opportunities

## **Kansas 4-H Discovery Days**

Discovery Days is held in Manhattan and is a mini college experience designed for youth ages 13-18 (before January 1). Youth participate in tours, attend evening social events, and take classes to expand their 4-H experience. This year Discovery Days is May 27-29 and registration is now open, with the understanding that at any point the Kansas 4-H office may need to cancel the event. The cost is \$195 with some classes having additional fees. Registration is available at [www.kansas4-h.org/events/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/) and closes April 15, but don't wait too long to sign up as classes fill up quickly!

## **Ambassador Discovery Days Scholarship**

The 4-H Ambassadors are excited to offer scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend Discovery Days. The application is posted at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html). Please have applications postmarked by April 24, 2020 and mailed to the Johnson County Extension Office.

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## **Animal Sciences Leadership Academy**

Students in grades 9-12 with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA). The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance students' leadership skills and animal science knowledge with the goal to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The academy will take place in Manhattan, June 24-27, 2020. The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours, and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry in order to educate others. The leadership academy will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception.

Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 fee to reserve their spot. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. Applications are due April 15, and can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

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## **Create the 2020 4-H Dog Conference Theme and T-Shirt Design**

Submit your ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference theme and t-shirt design to Kansas 4-H Specialist, Shane Potter at [potters@ksu.edu](mailto:potters@ksu.edu) by April 15. Along with the idea in text format and a sketch of the conference graphic, include your name, local Extension unit, address and email.

The 4-H member who creates the winning design idea will receive a free Dog Conference registration for the 2020 event. The 2019 winner was Josslyn DePew from Dickinson County with the "Rock Star 4-H Dogs" theme.

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## **4-H Campference 2020**

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

Registration will open in early April on the Kansas 4-H Events webpage [www.kansas4-h.org/events/](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/). Don't hesitate in registering as space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last five years! Registration will close May 15 (or earlier if full).

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Presentations and Fundraising

By Olivia Davis, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

The Country Hearts 4-H Club met on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. During our 4-H meeting the presentations were about how to clean a gun after shooting and about how to play the violin.

Some of the tips we learned were after every shooting or hunt clean your gun, another thing is don't let your barrel rust or that will be a \$300 mistake, and the last thing is to clean your gun often or there will be a lot of gunk built up in the gun. What we learned during the violin presentation, if the strings are tight it makes a clearer sound. If the strings are too loose than it will not make a clear sound.

During our meeting we brought items for a fundraiser. We brought books, clothes, and toys to sell at the consignment store to raise funds for our 4-H club.



## Frontier Family 4-H Club Brings Presidential Favorites to Food Fare

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

Frontier Family 4-H Club took part in the Johnson County Food Fare on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson County Extension Office. The Food Fare is a countywide event hosted by 4-H clubs. Every year there is a new theme and this year's theme was "states." The Frontier Family club chose to present foods that represent Washington, D.C. Their food was based on three American presidents' favorite foods. President Abraham Lincoln's favorite food was cheese and crackers, Donald Trump's favorite food is hamburgers and diet coke and George Washington's, cherry pie. Club member Ryan said his favorite thing about the event was "serving and meeting people." Visitors to the stand could dress up and pose behind masks of Presidents for a fun picture.



Emily and her mom help make hamburgers for the Frontier Family Food Fare stand.



Members of Frontier Family 4-H greet guests at the Johnson County Food Fare.



Club member Hope helps community leader Chris pour President Trump's favorite drink.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Wonderful Winter for Great Plains Club

By Noah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Reporter

The Great Plains 4-H Club had some very exciting events in January! The Club has been putting together a one-act play titled "It's Tough Being a Prince." It is the story of Sleeping Beauty told from the perspective of the prince. The performing arts project leader, Leah, has been directing this production. Fifteen members of the club are performing this fun one-act at Club Day.

The Great Plains 4-H Club participated at Food Fare representing the state of Wisconsin. Josiah was the club's Food Fare committee leader and did a great job organizing this event. The Great Plains club served macaroni and cheese with many different toppings, root beer floats, bratwurst and cranberry scones! The Great Plains members also enjoyed trying foods from other states. After the Food Fare, many members of the club stayed to hear the Master Food Volunteers talk about how to use a pressure cooker, and even got to see one in action!



### **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.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **The amazing adventures of club days!**

By Adriana Murdoch, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

It was finally the day for the Oxford Hustlers to show off our skills! There were speeches, skits, dances and more to be completed in just one day. Each 4-H'er had been working hard for the past two months to memorize and practice their lines. Our club did a group skit called "4-H'ers got talent" and two gavel game teams that worked hard throughout the month of January/February to prepare for today and it paid off!

We had 15 members participate in the Skit, 11 for gavel games. Individual performances we had 4 piano players, 1 vocal solo, 2 impromptu, 2 project talks, 4 illustrated/demonstrations, 1 historical speech, and 2 oral interpretations. Overall, we have 8 Oxford Hustlers representing our club at regionals! Victoria with her intermediate demonstration, Iris for Piano, Elliott for his intermediate historical speech, and the Junior gavel games team of Mason, Adriana, Alice, Daniel, Iris, and alternate Coleen. Alternate purples in our Skit, Iris in her Demo/Illustrated talk. Many purples, blues, and a couple of reds were also given for our hard work! Congrats Oxford Hustlers for another great year at club days! Good luck at regionals.



## **Happy Helpers Tie Blankets**

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

After their monthly meeting on March 10, 2020, the Happy Helpers 4-H Club tied fleece blankets to donate to local children living at a care facility. The blankets were prepared beforehand by Cora. After the business meeting, all of the members worked together to tie the blankets. 4-H is a great way to use time and talent to benefit others.





## April

- 3 - Insect Art Contest entry deadline
- 10 - Deadline to set up tagging with Ag Agent for Market Beef animals being state nominated
- 13 - New Family Orientation registrations due
- 15 - Dog Conference Theme/T-shirt Designs due
  - KSU Leadership Academy Applications due
  - Discovery Days registration closes
- 16 - New Family Orientation (held online)
- 24 - Discovery Days scholarship application due
- 27 - Youth in Action Applications due
- 29-May 10 - Tractor Supply Fundraiser

## May

- 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop projects
  - Market Beef Nominations due to Youth Livestock Office
  - Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project forms due via email to Ami and Christin
  - YQCA Certification deadline for county fair
  - Fantastic 4-H Camp registration closes and payment due
- 4 - County Council meeting (held online)
- 15 - Spring Goat, Sheep Swine, & Bucket Calf Show pre-registrations due
  - Campference registration closes
- 19 - Fantastic 4-H Camp scholarship applications due to office
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Memorial Day, office closed
- 27-29 - Discovery Days (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 29 - Evening weigh-in for Goat, Sheep, Swine, and and Bucket Calf project members **not** showing in the Spring Shows
- 30 - Spring Goat and Sheep Shows
- 31 - Spring Swine and Bucket Calf Shows

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2020 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 that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2020 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) 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](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

# Leader Update

## **Families with Financial Difficulties**

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in 4-H or an overnight event, please contact the Extension office for support.

## **2020 Enrollment**

4HOnline opened October 1, 2019 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **Being an enrolled 4-H member ensures that the 4-H'er is covered with accidental insurance during club and project meetings. Please help us provide a safe and welcoming program by encouraging all your club members to enroll immediately.** Also, if families are not enrolled for the 2020 4-H year, they are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from the current year's enrollments in 4HOnline is now being used.

## **New Club Seal Requirements**

Starting this year there are new requirements for the Club Seal and a new process to complete the Club Summary in order for a club to receive their seal. Please take time now as a club to review the new requirements so that goals for the year can be set early. The Club Summary form is online only and is posted on the Leader Resources webpage at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/). This replaces the paper Club Summary form.

## **Club Leader Resources Page**

Please take some time to look over the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/). If you are looking for something and can't find it, please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

## **Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers**

**Reminder:** Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals will now be completed through 4HOnline. We asked that all current volunteers have their renewal completed by November 1. If you have not completed the renewal process in 4HOnline for the 2019-2020 year, you should not be volunteering for your club. Once you have completed the renewal process in 4HOnline and your profile has been made "Active" you may resume your volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 no longer need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact Amanda.