



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

As we start the search for a new 4-H Agent we would like to gather your feedback on this position. A survey has been created to help us gauge what you believe the Johnson County 4-H Youth Development Agent position should focus on and the skill sets the agent should possess. We are asking 4-H partners, parents, volunteers, and youth to please take a few minutes of their time to complete the survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/kNVm6uuOpliern0F3> by December 10. We truly appreciate your feedback and welcome your comments.

Sincerely,
Tara Markley, Director

New County Council Officers Elected

On November 6, at the first County Council meeting of the new year, council officers were elected. Your 2018 County Council officers are: President, Seth (Comet Tech); Vice President, Anthony (Comet Tech); Secretary, Alexandria (Great Plains); Corresponding Secretary, Daniel (Livestock Club); Treasurer, Theresa (Country Hearts); Reporter, Jackson (Morning Glory); and Historians, Ben (Morning Glory) and Brie (Oxford Hustlers).

Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2018?

4HOnline opened October 2 for families to reenroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2018 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members reenroll by November 1, 2017. **If you or your 4-H'er have not reenrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2018 enrollments in 4HOnline will be used now. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

As a reminder, Kansas 4-H has implemented a \$15 per member program fee. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds do not have to pay the fee.) The program fee is paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

If you have any questions about enrollment or the program fee please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration Open

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2018 year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 20, 2018. Trainings will start February 15 and will be held every Thursday at 7 p.m. with set-up starting at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting on February 15 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone. A schedule and the registration form are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Countywide Sewing Project

Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and it is a lifelong skill! Are you interested in learning how to create something from a piece of material? Attend classes to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. Classes are held at the Extension office every Thursday and will start up again in January. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Tail Waggers Dog Project Training Registration

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project will be opening registration for the 2018 training season on December 1, 2017. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 5, 2018. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers will be held on Wednesday, January 10. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 17. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Donna Holway at 913-433-6752 or Pat Rawitch at 913-681-0406.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, new Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under "Advice from a 4-H'er". If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you the guidelines.

Local Opportunities

Registered Volunteer Renewal Process

For anyone that is a Registered Volunteer, renewals for the 2017-2018 year were due on October 1. If you need to complete yours please do so at your earliest convenience. The Volunteer Renewal can be completed online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. Also, many Registered Volunteers need to complete the background check this year as well. It is due December 31, 2017. If you need to complete the background check you would have received an email from Amanda.

***All club leaders and projects leaders need to become Registered Volunteers. Please complete the paperwork ASAP if you are a club leader or project leader. All the steps can be found at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/index.html>. If you have any questions about any part of the Volunteer process please contact Amanda.

Submitting Articles to the Gardner News

Joan, at the Gardner News, wanted to let new officers know that they will gladly put 4-H news in the paper for free. They also need photos. Send articles and photos to Joan at joan@gardnernews.com.

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our countywide 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 on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up by January 1, 2018. The link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council webpage.

County Council Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 4. If you have any questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 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. Registration and payment links and the guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Please note that there are two different registration links. One is for individual, duo, etc. events and the other is for club events. Only one person in your club needs to sign the entire club up for club events. All events are required to be pre-registered online by January 15 in order to participate in Club Day. Once registration has closed, additional information will be sent out in regards to signing up for specific time slots.

Local Opportunity

Annual Children's Art Show Call For Artists

Images Art Gallery invites students in 4-H to participate in the Annual Children's Art Show exhibit, February-March 2018. The exhibition opportunity is open to any Pre-K through 8th grade student. There is no jury, and no charge to participate. Both 2D and 3D works are displayed. 2D work should be framed with a wire hanger (sawtooth hangers won't work on their hanging system). If the art is part of a class project teachers should select two or three examples to submit for the exhibit. This event is held in conjunction with the traveling People to People International Peace Murals. You can read more about the event on the Images website at <http://imagesartgallery.com/>. There is an online registration form, or a version to download and print, on their website.

Regional Opportunity

Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

Come see what leadership is like "Under The Sea"! 4-H members ages 12 to 18 are invited to the Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event (NELE), Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Clay Center Community High School in Clay Center. NELE is led by the Northeast Area Youth Council representatives.

Delegates can sign up for multiple classes throughout the day with many options for everyone. Through the generosity of Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and CoBANK each registered delegate will receive a copy of the book, "Find Something To Do! No Prop Activities," by Jim Cain. Sessions will be offered for delegates to explore and learn how to lead some of the activities outlined in the book. Adults may purchase a copy of the book for \$9 through the registration process. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn many new leadership activities, and listen to keynote speaker, Wade Weber, State 4-H Program Leader! The cost to attend is \$25 and registration is open now through January 3. For more information and to register click on the NELE link at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Horse Panorama will be January 26-28 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training will be January 26-28 in Wichita.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 23-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day will be March 17 in Weber Hall at Kansas State University.

Regional Club Day will be March 24 at Wheatridge Middle School.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be March 24 in Weber Hall at Kansas State University.

Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 18-19 in Manhattan.

State Opportunities

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action is for Kansas youth ages 13-18 (before January 1, 2018) to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their communities. Delegates will tour the Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators, and discuss how youth can have a greater impact in their communities.

For 2018, CIA will be held February 18-19. Sunday will feature time at the Capitol, legislative sessions, and a dinner and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Monday is reserved for delegates to meet with their legislators. For more information and to register click on the CIA link at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> now through January 15. Fees start at \$170. There is an opportunity for a \$100 scholarship. The online scholarship application is posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html> and is due by January 2.

Citizenship Washington Focus

This opportunity is for responsible young people ages 15-18 (before January 1, 2018) who want to 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. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. 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.

The 2018 CWF trip will be June 15-25. Cost per delegate of \$1,850 includes transportation, lodging in motels, tours, lodging and meals at the National 4-H Center and the CWF Program Fee. Delegates should plan on an additional \$175 for meals on the road and on any personal spending for souvenirs or other personal expenses. For more information click on the CWF link at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Applications will be accepted until January 15 *or until all spaces are filled*.

2018 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application for the 2018-2019 academic year is now posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. The scholarship list is anticipated to be posted in December of 2017. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER (many scholarships are available to youth who are Freshman-Senior in Post-Secondary Education and some that are available to Vet Med Students). **Scholarship applications will be due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018.**

REPORTER'S CORNER

On October 19th, the Great Plains 4-H Club had the opportunity to visit Sharp's Farm and Hayride for a festive fall activity. Thankfully, it was a warmer night so we got to comfortably enjoy roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a bonfire. We also tried melting Starburst candies over the open fire and it was surprisingly really tasty! After we enjoyed all the yummy food, we got to go on a hayride drawn by horses. It was a beautiful, warm, starry night in October. It was an incredibly memorable and fun evening filled with fellowship, classy experiences, and lots of yummy food!

By Emma Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



Happy to Help The Ronald McDonald House Help Families

by Cora Delancy Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club collected pop can tabs throughout the 2016-2017 4-H year to donate to The Ronald McDonald House. The Happy Helpers also collected small personal hygiene items such as shampoo, tooth brushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and lotion during the course of the year in a service project organized by club member Jordan. In September, the club met to assemble these items into personal care packages to donate to The Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City. Often families staying at The Ronald McDonald House are there in an emergency situation and did not have time to pack these small essentials.



Members of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club and their families delivered five gallons of pop can tabs and an entire basket of personal care kits to The Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City on Friday, September 29th. The club arranged for an educational tour of the Kansas City facilities to learn more about The Ronald McDonald House and other ways the club might partner with them in the future to support our community and help other families in time of crisis.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Country Hearts Parent's Night Meeting By Karl Burg, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

In our November meeting every year, the Country Hearts 4-H Club celebrates our parents and all the support they provide – whether it be the car rides back and forth to every event, the talents they share with the members, or the events they help organize. In all they do, they do it for our community, making the best, better, one child at a time.

To kick off the evening, the families enjoyed a potluck dinner, ranging from soups to desserts, to ward off the cold and provide an opportunity for members to get to know each other better. Following the dinner, there was a special program organized by chairperson, Theresa. Members and parents learned the basics of swing dancing, such as three-stepping and a little bit of the East Coast Swing, taught by our special guests, Lee and Sabrina Orrison. It was truly a blast, as members were exposed to swing dancing with a partner, something not many people have the opportunity to learn.

The regular monthly meeting was then held, led by the new officers: President Allyson, Vice President Liam, and Secretary Riley. From a potluck dinner to swing dancing, this was a great way to honor our parents and kick off the new 4-H year.



The Orrisons teaching the basics of Swing Dance, as the members of the Country Hearts 4-H Club get ready to join in.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club had a very strong 4-H year in 2016-2017. Members were active in their club and community in many project areas. At the 4-H Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 4th, 2017, every member of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club



received a pin award and the club received a purple seal. Only two members were missing from the club to celebrate this accomplishment of individual hard work and club pride. The members of this club are all active and range from Nathan who received his Cloverbud Certificate to Linsey who received her Key Award.

By Cora Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

REPORTER'S CORNER

The 4-H Achievement celebration held on Saturday, November 4th was well represented by the Oxford Hustlers! Congratulations to all 4-Her's for their hard work. From our club to yours, Happy New Year!

By Victoria Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter



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.

December

- 11 - County Council Officers meeting
- 22-26 - Christmas Holiday, office closed
- 31 - Volunteer Background Checks due

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee Sign-ups due online
- 2 - County Council meeting
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 5 - Tail Waggers dog training registration due
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
 - Club Day Registration & Payment due
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Dog Club dog training registration due
- 22 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship applications due to office
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2018 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15th of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2018 4-H Calendar at 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.

Leader Update

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Club Leader Resource Page

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Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.