



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy Holidays! With the holidays approaching, I keep thinking of the generosity of 4-H volunteers that makes 4-H successful. I would like to give a special shout out to the Achievement Celebration Committee for putting together a successful event. THANK YOU for sharing your time, passion, and love so the 4-H'ers have the opportunities to learn and grow. Johnson County 4-H wishes you all a safe and warm holiday season. **-Ami**

The November County Council meeting was held Monday, November 5, 2018. A fun ice-breaker was presented by Ami, which was a 4H bingo! The county council voted for officers. The following 4-H'ers are the new officers for the new 2019-20 4H year;

President: Chase (Morning Glory)

Vice President: Theresa (Country Hearts)

Secretary: Ivi (Spring Hill Rustlers)

Corresponding Secretary: Elizabeth (Prairie Moon)

Treasurer: Jayden (Great Plains)

Reporter: Ainsley (Blue River Wranglers)

Historians: Rebecca (Great Plains) and Brie (Oxford Hustlers)

Parliamentarian: Jackson (Morning Glory)

The Achievement Banquet committee was recognized. There are committee opportunities in the country if you are interested, please contact the Extension Office if you would like more information.

The next county council meeting will be held on the first Monday in January at 7pm.

By Ainsley Pecenka, County Council Reporter

2019 Enrollment

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Local Opportunities

Grants Available for Johnson County 4-H Projects

We are excited to announce that we will be offering Project Leader Grants for project leaders or volunteers interested in leading a countywide project! The purpose of this grant is to offer project meetings to 4-H'ers who would otherwise not have an opportunity to learn about the project, to increase participation in projects 4-H'ers are already enrolled in and increase overall enrollment in projects. If awarded, the project leader would receive an amount of up to \$100. Grant money will be used to cover the cost of materials so that 4-H'ers can participate in the project with little to no cost. It could also cover admission to educational exhibits. If you are currently leading project meetings with your club and only have a couple members we encourage you to apply so you can open up your meetings to others outside your club.

A link to the application and more information is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Forms and Resources webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Up to four grants will be given out every year and the first application deadline is December 1, so act now! If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

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 3. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

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 4-H'ers and adult volunteers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to Johnson County 4-H Council Representatives. 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, 2019. The link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council webpage.

NEW Committee - Added this year is the *Program Enhancement Committee*. This committee will establish requirements and process applications for clubs to receive Program Enhancement funds.

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 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 preregistered online by January 16 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 Opportunities

Interested in Learning how to Start a KAP?

Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs) are portfolios that 4-H'ers complete to record their experiences and their accomplishments in each of their 4-H project areas. It's a great way for 4-H'ers to learn goal setting and record keeping as well as reflect upon their project work. There will be a KAP Planning Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, at the Extension office to discuss the basics of KAPs and how to plan a KAP. If you are interested in learning more about KAPs please sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/vaekvi65Zl3UM4b02>.

Food Fare

The 2019 Food Fare will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the Extension office. Food Fare is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "Colors." Food Fare participants will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your club would like to have a booth at this year's Food Fare, please sign up for your theme at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eaaa82baafb6-2019. If you have any questions about this event, please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

County Project Opportunities

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, 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.

Countywide Crochet and Knitting Projects



Aren't these pot holders gorgeous? Johnson County 4-H'er, Theresa, created these beautiful pieces. Create your own piece of art by participating in the Countywide Crochet Project or the Countywide Knitting Project. For information about joining the Crochet project, contact Traci at tracihaskins@gmail.com. For information about joining the Knitting Project, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

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 2019 year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 4, 2019. Training will start January 14, 2019 and will be held every Monday at 7 p.m. with set-up starting at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting on January 14 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone. The January 14 meeting will be at Gardner First Presbyterian Church by the Johnson County Fairgrounds. A schedule and the registration form are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. If you have any questions please contact Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.

Tail Waggers Dog Project Training Information

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2019 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 4, 2019. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers participants will be held on Wednesday, January 9. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 16. Further details are available in the Information/Registration packet posted on the Johnson County 4-H County-wide Projects webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html. If you have questions, you may contact Donna Holloway at 913-433-6752 or Pat Rawitch at 913-681-0406.

Countywide Sewing Project

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 will begin again January 10, and are held at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Extension office. If you have any questions about the class please contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to participate in the following activities:

- *StarLab Planetarium Program: Winter's Stories in the Skies* - In the StarLab, an inflatable planetarium, we'll learn about stars, including the Winter Hexagon and the Zodiac constellations and the mythology behind them.

Date: Sunday, January 27 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library at Wyandotte County Lake, 4051 West Dr., Kansas City, KS 66109

Space is limited to 30 people, so please RSVP to Heather Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project Leader, at handerson3@gmail.com if you are planning on coming to the program.

- **Spring 2019**

The date isn't set yet, however we plan on holding a workshop where interested members will learn about the physics of telescopes and make one to enter at the Fair.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project feel free to contact Heather at handerson3@gmail.com.

State Opportunities

4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents would like to invite you to "JAM the GYM" at the K-State vs. University of Kansas Wildcat Women's Basketball game on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 12 p.m. Online registration is \$22 per person and open to anyone who would like to attend!! Each person who registers will receive a ticket to the game, special game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands during the game. A flyer with more information and a registration worksheet is posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Please note registration closes before the holidays on **December 20, 2018**. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2019KAE4HA>.

Now is the Time to Apply to be a Host Family

The ideal time to apply to host a student for the next school year is December or January. The first students who will be hosted by families through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs become available in late January. Host families must be approved before placements can be made with students, so it is advantageous for families to be approved by the time student packets arrive at the States' 4-H Office in Seattle.

Students representing LEX and Labo in Japan, Bright Futures Education (BFE) in South Korea and FLEX coming from more than 20 countries of Eurasia, are hosted by States' 4-H families. Information and application to host a student are available from Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H International Exchange Coordinator, munson@ksbroadband.net or 785-238-3631.

Citizenship Washington Focus

This opportunity is for responsible young people ages 15-18 (before January 1, 2019) 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 2019 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip will be June 13-24. 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 www.kansas4-h.org/events/. Applications will be accepted until January 15 or until all 50 spaces are filled.

2019 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application for the 2019-2020 academic year is now posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. The list of available scholarships is anticipated to be posted in December. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their senior year in high school OR OLDER (many scholarships are available to students who are a freshman through 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

State Opportunities

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action (CIA) is for Kansas youth ages 13-18 (before January 1, 2019) 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 2019, CIA will be held February 17-18. Sunday will feature time to work in committees to finesse legislation, time to debate the legislation as a larger body, 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 www.kansas4-h.org/events/ now through February 1. Fees start at \$175.

2019 Kansas 4-H Dog Scholarship Details

The 2019 Keith Neuway and Jim Adams Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Project Scholarship is for dog members who have been in the Kansas 4-H Dog Project for three or more years and who are a high school senior or current college freshman. Applicants do not need to be current 4-H members if the other criteria is met. This 4-H scholarship is a one-time payment of \$500 that will be awarded on Saturday, September 14, 2019, during the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

A link to the 2019 application is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/dog.html. Applications must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Send the completed application to the Kansas State 4-H Office, ATTN: Neuway and Adams Dog Care and Training Scholarship Committee, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404.

SAVE THE DATE!

- 4-H Horse Panorama** will be January 25-27, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
- Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training** will be January 26-27, 2019 in Hutchinson.
- Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest** will be February 22, 2019 in Topeka.
- Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training** will be February 22-23, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
- Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day** will be March 9, 2019 in Kansas State University.
- Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day** will be March 30, 2019 at Kansas State University.
- 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training** will be April 4-7, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
- Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic** will be June 28-29, 2019 in Manhattan.
- Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 24-25, 2019 in Manhattan.

REPORTER'S CORNER



The Oxford Hustlers enjoyed a great turn out at the 2018 4-H Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 3rd at the Center of Grace in Olathe.
By Mariam Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4H Club celebrated a great year of 4H learning and activities at the Boots and Bling Johnson County 4H Achievement Celebration on November 3, 2018.



Seven members were in attendance. The club received a Purple Seal with emphasis on Community Service. This year, the club earned eleven medallions in specific project areas for the Kansas Award Portfolio in the 7-13-year-old divisions. Cora won the Newswriting Award for the club Reporter's Book which will go on to compete at the state level. All but one member of the club earned their Pin Awards for the 2017-2018 4H year and the Happy Helpers club leader, Marilyn, was recognized for her 20 years of leadership. Good luck to the Happy Helpers 4H Club in learning and serving in the upcoming year.

By George Delancy, Happy Helpers 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.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Country Hearts 4-H Club had a potluck and a good time installing the last of our officers and Elliott as our new clover bud, initiating Madiline into our club and we played human knot!

By Ann'adele Kozlowski, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



Veterans Day Guest Speaker

by Ainsley Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

Veterans Day annually falls on November 11. It commemorates the anniversary of the signing of the armistice which ended World War One. Veterans and all our armed forces are to be



recognized for protecting us each and every day. Lieutenant Andrew Ramos spoke to Blue River Wranglers. He was the commander for the U.S Army. He served years in Africa and had great stories about his experiences. He taught us what it means to have self-discipline, perseverance, and character. Mr. Ramos had a great story that was important. Thank you to all our military past and present.

December

- 1 - Project Leader Grant Applications due
- 3 - Countywide Crochet Group
 - County Council Officers meeting
- 24-31 - Christmas Holiday, office closed
- 31 - Volunteer Background Checks due

January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee Sign-ups due online
- 4 - Dog Club Training Registration due
 - Tail Waggers Training Registration due
- 7 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16 - Club Day Registration & Payment due
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - KAP Planning meeting
- 21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, office closed
- 22 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due to office
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Food Fare
- 27 - Countywide Astronomy Project Activity
- 31 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2019 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 2019 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.

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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. For those leaders or volunteers that are already Registered Volunteers, the annual renewal was due October 1. If a volunteer has not yet completed their renewal, please have them do so as soon as possible. More information on the Volunteer Screening process is online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.
