

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2022 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2022 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2021. **If your family has not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2022 enrollments in 4-H Online will be used now.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>.

Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.)

If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

It's the beginning of the year, what should I be doing?

- ⇒ Put the 4-H Calendar on your refrigerator. The calendar can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.
- ⇒ Make sure your enrollment in 4-H Online is complete and up to date. (<http://v2.4honline.com>)
- ⇒ Set goals. Review Membership Pin Applications and discuss Project goals.
- ⇒ Print a Permanent Record to add to monthly. (www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html)

County Council Elects New Officers

On November 1, 2021, the Johnson County 4-H Council elected its new officers for the year. Abby from Lucky Clover 4-H Club was elected President and Ben from Morning Glory was elected as Vice President. Corinne, who is a member of Stanley Buccaneers, was elected as Secretary, and Charli from Prairie Star 4-H Club was elected as Treasurer. As for Reporter, Lily who is in Blue River Wranglers, was elected. Fern, Emily and Lydia were elected Corresponding Secretary and Co-Historians, respectively. The Johnson County 4-H Council meets every odd-numbered month and represents all 4-H clubs in Johnson County Kansas.

By Lily Ames, County Council Reporter

Local Opportunities

County Council Meeting and Committee 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. Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 6. Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Council Committee descriptions are posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. ****As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee.**** If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Officer Training and Project Videos Available

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions. Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html for you to watch when you choose.

Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

Question: *What is the best piece of advice your parents have given you and how has it helped you achieve your 4-H goals?*



Mr. 4-H, Ben Burling: I have made a lot of goals for myself in 4-H and in showing livestock, specifically. I set large goals for myself at the county fair level and it took nine years of showing to get it. I wanted to show at state and national shows too, I have earned those opportunities. My Mom and Dad were always supportive and said "we will find a way to go, but if you want it, you have to work for it." So, I have spent my time working for "it" and I am so thankful I have. I have a few goals left to reach before I age out and I am working every day to get there.



Ms. 4-H, Becca Adair: My parents have given me some very memorable pieces of advice throughout the years. The one that is most prevalent and repeated more than the rest is "Be you." No matter where I go or what I do, this is an important reminder to not morph myself into a false identity but to be true to who I am. In my 4-H career, this has helped be through conference judging at the fair, various impromptu and prepared speeches, and with any and all conversations. Without my parents, I would not be as successful or hardworking as I am today, so by using this phrase I am constantly reminded to be true to myself and keep my integrity strong.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Knitting Project

Looking for a relaxing, indoor 4-H project for the winter months? Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

Update on Countywide Sewing Project Meetings

Due to the building that the Extension office is housed in being used as a vaccination clinic site, meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project are postponed until further notice. We hope to have more details about how long the building will be used as a vaccination site in the new year and will update families when we have that information. Please contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

- *Telescope-Building Workshop* – Telescopes will be built from scratch and they can be brought to the Powell Observatory trip in June to look at the night sky!

Date: May 14, 2022 **Time:** 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Location:** Room 1070/1075 at the Johnson County Extension Office **Seats Available:** Attendance is limited to the first 10 4-H'ers who RSVP due to available supplies.

- *Trip to the Powell Observatory* – Be sure to bring your telescope!

Date: June 4, 2022 **Time:** TBA

If you plan on coming to any of these events, please RSVP to Nathan and Heather Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project leaders, at handerson3@gmail.com.

Kansas 4-H Project Report Form Resources

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Report forms. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers

In an effort to make hands-on, quality, educational resources available to your program and club, we have Johnson County 4-H kits for Registered 4-H Volunteers to borrow. Thank you Johnson County Extension Education Foundation and Google's CS Pathway grant for making this possible! Find information at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/KitCheckOut.html and contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Horse Panorama will be January 28-30, 2022 at Rock Springs.
Johnson County Fair will be July 31-August 6, 2022 in Gardner.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2022 4-H year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2022. Training will be held on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The first meeting on January 10 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone and will be held on Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. 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 questions you may reach out to Shelley Goebel at 913-634-8688 call/text or shelley.goebel@gmail.com OR Holly Nitz at 913-568-6266 call/text or hollynitz@comcast.net.

YQCA Requirements

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 8 and older exhibiting in the beef, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2022 in order to exhibit at the fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 7 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.

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) Dates for in-person trainings in Johnson County will be announced later. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... 4-H programs and activities are subject to the Kansas State University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment, and Procedure for Reviewing Complaints, Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) Chapter 3010. All 4-H personnel, volunteers, and participants are required to fully understand and comply with this policy, in its entirety.

For more information, see section 2.4: University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment, and Procedure for Reviewing Complaints in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/).

State Opportunities

Host Families Needed



Academic Year Exchanges, which will involve high school students from Japan and South Korea coming to Kansas in August 2022 and returning to their native countries in June 2023, are now seeking host families. These exchange students are eager to become members of Kansas families and some have been planning for this experience for several years. They have all studied English, passed several levels of interviews, have strong academic backgrounds and are motivated to work hard in their studies. There are no requirements of host siblings for this exchange. Families provide food, lodging and transportation. 4-H does its best to support the students and the host families throughout the exchange. Students pay for their own personal needs, clothing and school expenses. They are provided good health insurance by the program.

Families are encouraged to discuss the opportunity over the Christmas/New Year holidays and if there are any questions or if families would like access to the Host Family Application link, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas AYP Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. She is available throughout the holiday period. Families who apply early will have the widest selection of students.

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

The annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23, 2022 when the Wildcats take on Oklahoma at 1 p.m.! For \$22, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day T-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration is online at <https://conta.cc/3cbHDDI> with a deadline of **December 21, 2021**. More information is available on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/.

National Opportunities

National Youth Summit Series

The 4-H National Youth Summit Series brings together high school students for three days of hands-on activities and workshops, led by leaders and educators in these fields. Participants will have the opportunity to work alongside students and experts with shared interests, as well as learn and strengthen technical and leadership skills. For more information or to register, go to <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>.

2022 Healthy Living Summit - February 10-13, 2022

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned.

2022 Agri-Science Summit - March 10-13, 2022

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Morning Glory Club Elects New Officers

By Jack Hogan, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

During our October meeting, Morning Glory 4-H Club installed their new officers (see photo). They also enjoyed pizza, courtesy of the Bruncker family, prior to the meeting. For Recreation, we had a Pumpkin Decorating Contest, in which the Mahomes pumpkin (see photo) was the grand champion. We are excited to all be back together and kick off another great 4-H year with several new members. Thank you to our Community Leaders, the Burlings and Rietchecks for all the hard work they put in to make our club active and great!



2021-2022 Officers

President: <i>Ben</i>	Vice President: <i>Allyson</i>
Secretary: <i>Cooper</i>	Treasurer: <i>Addison</i>
Correspondence: <i>Torbin</i>	Jr President: <i>Dakota</i>
Jr Vice President: <i>Jenna</i>	Jr Secretary: <i>Haley</i>
Jr Treasurer: <i>Cheyenne</i>	Reporter: <i>Jackson</i>
Historian: <i>Lydia</i>	
4-H Information Officer: <i>Corissa</i>	
Safety Officer: <i>Jack</i>	
Parliamentarian: <i>Brennan</i>	
Song Leader: <i>Eli</i>	Recreation: <i>Ty</i>
Sergeant at Arms: <i>Sammy, Jed & Colby</i>	
County Council Representatives: <i>Ben, Cooper & Camden</i>	



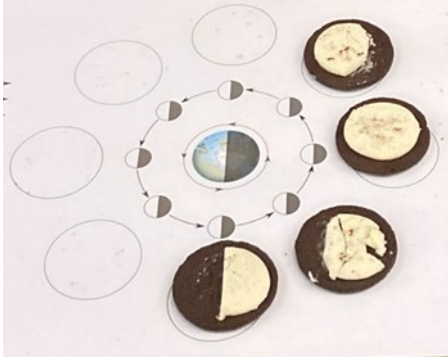
Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

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.

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Steve Greasby hosted a fun activity for the Comet Tech 4-H Club about the lunar phases using Oreo cookies. He thinks the moon looks like a rabbit and he shared that you could tell if the moon is waxing or waning by what is happening with the rabbit's ears. He also showed us how to know which direction is south by drawing an imaginary line from the points of the crescent moon. He used a basketball with black duct tape to orbit the room and demonstrate the moon's phases. At the end, the 4-H'ers were allowed to enjoy the cookies.

By Kaden Schultz, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



Service & Celebration this Fall for the Oxford Hustlers

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

It was another exciting month for the Oxford Hustlers! The club met on October 17 for our fall activity: a nature scavenger hunt and picnic at Shawnee Mission Park. Next, club members voted at the October meeting to gather Thanksgiving items for a family in need; the basket of nonperishable items was delivered November 12. Finally, we celebrated our 2020-2021 club work at the annual achievement celebration at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The cookies were great.

This month's joke is:

Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?

A. Because it was the chicken's day off.



December

- 3 - Extension Staff Retreat, office closed
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
- 21 - 4-H Day with KSU Women's Basketball registration due
- 24-31 - Christmas Holiday, office closed

January

- 2 - Dog Club Training Registration due
- 3 - County Council meeting
- 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 23 - 4-H Day KSU Women's Basketball
- 28-30 - Horse Panorama (pre-registration required)

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2022 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 or holiday please check the 2022 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

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

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 are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2021. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2021-2022 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties.

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

4-H Financial Audit Past Due

The annual audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/. Every club/group who has an EIN issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of two 4-H members and two adult volunteers. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN.

This information was due to the Extension office by November 1, 2021. If your club's Annual Financial Report and Treasurer's book has not yet been turned in, please do so **immediately**. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Please take time to review 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/. Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

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 a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.