

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

I hope your 4-H'ers are getting ready to practice their public speaking skills at Club Day, gain new knowledge at the State Livestock Producer Days, and visit our state capital for Citizenship in Action.

On a more personal note, I do want to share the happy news that I will be welcoming **Baby Girl Lin** to our family in June! Rest assured, the program will be in good hands with the 4-H Team and Extension Staff while I spend a few weeks with my family. 😊 –Ami

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 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. The guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/clubdays.html. Registration has closed, but feel free to stop by that day and watch your fellow 4-H'ers show off their skills! Events start at 8:30 a.m.

Club Day Concessions — The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring concessions during County 4-H Club Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Ambassadors do a lot for Johnson County 4-H and the community by providing scholarships to state events, presenting to local 4-H clubs and being advocates for 4-H at a variety of local events. Selling concessions during Club Day is their main fundraiser for the year to be able to offer all these great opportunities. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be offered, including: fruit, muffins, chili, hot dogs, pizza, chips, baked goods, soda, coffee and more! Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

Judging Activities during Club Day — Put your knowledge and skills to the test by participating in various judging activities during Club Day. Judging helps you learn new information and challenges your knowledge in a fun way. The opportunity to take part in different contests will be held from 9-11 a.m. Here are a few examples:

Clothing & Home Environment – You be the judge! Choose what details make the best garment or try your hand at judging a room remodel. The tables are turned and you get to decide the top ribbons in each category.

Foods & Nutrition – Can you decide which canned food item and baked good should get a purple, blue, red or white ribbon? Stop by the foods table to find out! Scores will be taken and prizes will be awarded for the top judges in each age group.

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Club Day Judging Activities (continued)

Horticulture – Test your skills and knowledge about plants. The contest will include plant identification and quality judging. When you arrive you will have plant samples to review and a list of possible choices. The quality judging portion lets you be the fair judge. You get to determine which specimens should be the purple, blue, red or white exhibit. Scores will be taken and prizes will be awarded for the top judges in each age group.

Photography – Compare and rank photos based on what makes a good photograph. A good judge looks at sharpness, composition, color, focus, exposure, lighting, and appeal, among other factors.

****You do not have to be enrolled in the project to participate. These fun contests are open to all 4-H members. Remember, participating in a judging activity could help you on your award application!**

Regional Club Day — Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent our county at Regional 4-H Club Day.

Science Matters Team Update

By Elizabeth Lang, Science Matters Team Member

A team of Johnson County high school students attended the National 4-H Agri-Science Summit in Washington, D.C., January 8-12. The trip was sponsored by Bayer and the National 4-H Council. The team of five learned innovative skills on how science and agriculture work together and came up with a community action plan that will benefit Johnson County.

Their action plan will be focused around food issues found within the county, primarily Food Waste and Nutrition Education. With guidance from K-State Research and Extension, the team will be working on implementing their goals over the next year and presenting their work at the Kansas State Fair in September and competing in the Science of Ag Challenge at Kansas State University in November.



Welcome 2020 Ambassadors!

Please welcome the 2020 4-H Ambassadors for Johnson County. The Ambassadors will be conducting club visits, fundraising to offer scholarships, and promoting 4-H in the community.



Top Row (L-R): Tyler (Prairie Moon), Nick (Morning Glory), Chase (Morning Glory), Theresa (Country Hearts), and Jonathan (Blue River Wranglers)

Middle Row (L-R): Leah (Great Plains), Elizabeth (Stanley Buccaneers), Ainsley (Blue River Wranglers), and Elizabeth (Prairie Moon)

Insert (L-R): Jackson (Morning Glory), Charli (Prairie Star), and Samantha (Great Plains)

County Fair Updates

County Fair Tip of the Month

Fair season is a busy time for 4-H'ers and families and we need everyone's support to make it a positive learning experience for the 4-H'ers. Please save the dates for Johnson County 4-H Fair events and needed preparations. Please note that these are our best estimates for the dates, but it is subject to change.

- *Fair Clean Up* – Saturday, July 18 starting at 8 a.m. until finished with assigned area
- *Clothing Construction* – Saturday, July 18 from 8:30-11 a.m.
- *Fiber Arts judging* – Saturday, July 18 starting at 9 a.m.
- *Fashion Revue judging* – Saturday, July 18 starting at 1 p.m.
- *Public Fashion Revue* – Wednesday, July 22 starting at 7 p.m.
- *Fair Set Up* – Saturday, July 25 starting at 8 a.m. until finished with assigned area
- *Fair Week: July 26-August 1* – **Note:** 4-H projects must remain on display during the entire fair week until it is released on Sunday, August 2. Please arrange for pick-up of projects if you are not able to make it on August 2 when the projects are released. Exhibits removed before release will prevent the exhibitor from exhibiting next year.
- *Post-Fair Clean-Up and Project Pick-Up* – Sunday, August 2 after Church Service

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	*Updated from January Clover Clips* 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 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.

Important 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.

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. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. ***Please note that the Horse ID Certificate has been updated for the 2020 4-H year. This updated form **must** be used for this year. Also posted on the webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. It must 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.

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.

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.

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/. 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.

Local Opportunities

2020 Young Artist Show

The Young Artist Show is sponsored by Images Art Gallery in Overland Park and is held February 21-March 14. Young artists (Pre-K through 8th grade) can enter one piece of 2D or 3D (sculpture) art. All 2D art must have “wire” on the back for hanging. Sawtooth hangers are not allowed. The artwork can be in any medium such as crayon, pencil, paint, pastel, photography, etc. Artwork must be delivered to Images Art Gallery February 8-15 during the gallery hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. You can register online at www.imagesartgallery.com.

All artists, their families, and friends are invited to the Opening Reception on Friday, February 21 from 6-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The show closes Saturday, March 14 and artwork can be picked up late that afternoon or the following week, but no later than Saturday, March 21.

NEW! Teens in the Kitchen Classes

Step up your cooking game with new cooking techniques and knowledge that you can use every day. All classes are \$20 per teen and offered at the Extension office from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. for youth ages 13-18. Sign up for classes at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

February 15 - Baking from Scratch - Explore the science and art of baking as we create delicious recipes from scratch.

March 14 - Roasting - Learn the techniques and applications of roasting to bring out the sweet notes in savory foods.

April 11 - Eggs - Fried, poached, shirred... there are so many delicious things you can do with eggs. We'll explore a few of them in this class.

May 9 - Stir Fry - Stir frying is a fast way to add deep flavor to fresh foods. We'll talk about the tools and techniques used in this versatile cooking method.

Free 4-H Bowling Social

Johnson County 4-H'ers are invited to attend a **FREE** 4-H bowling social sponsored by 4-H Council and put on by the 4-H Ambassadors. This will be a great opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from other clubs and reconnect with friends you met at camp or other 4-H events! It will take place on Wednesday, February 26, from 6-8 p.m. at Olathe Mission Bowl. There are enough lanes reserved for 80 4-H'ers, so make sure you RSVP soon to reserve your spot! Snacks and soft drinks are also included. Parents are more than welcome to come, watch and socialize, but bowling is reserved for the youth. 4-H'ers will be assigned lanes at random as an opportunity to make new 4-H friends. A link to register is posted on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

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 will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

Seeking Donations:

Johnson County 4-H needs your help collecting the following items for a hands-on activity during 4-H Camp:

- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Kleenex boxes (can be flattened)
- Cereal boxes (can be flattened)

If you have these items available, please collect and bring to the Extension Office. Thank you!

Local Opportunities

Spring Break Day Camps

March 16 - Robotics Day Camp

Have you wanted to learn how to build and program your own robot? Join us for a 4-H Robotics Camp to learn how to build and program an EV3 robot. This day camp is geared towards beginning programmers (ages 9-14) who have little to no experience with EV3s. The day camp will be held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and a pizza lunch will be provided.

March 17 - Barn Quilt Day Camp

A 4-H Barn Quilt Workshop will be held on March 17, 2020 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm (aka Zimmerman's Barn) in De Soto. A barn quilt is a square, wooden board that has been painted to look like a quilt. At this workshop youth will paint a 2'x2' wood board in a quilt block design. This workshop is open to youth ages 10-18 for \$35 per participant. The workshop is limited to 15 youth.

March 20 & 21 - Sewing Camp

Are you looking to learn how to sew? Sign-up to participate in a 2-day Sewing Camp where, for just \$50, you will receive six hours of instruction. There are two sessions to choose from: the Morning Session (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) OR Afternoon Session (1-4 p.m.). Both sessions will be held at the Extension office and are open to all beginners ages 7-18. We will create a pillow case on Day 1 (Friday) and pajama pants on Day 2 (Saturday). There is a limited number of sewing machines available so sign up quickly. Please contact Nicole at nicolejanzen35@yahoo.com or 913-940-1066 with any questions.

***Links to register for the day camps are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html.

Fantastic 4-H Camp

This 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 located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS and is June 19-22. Registration links will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Registration will open in February.

Farm Apprenticeship Opportunity

Are you interested in learning about a potential career in sustainable agriculture? Adults and youth of legal working age are encouraged to apply as a Growing Growers Farm Apprentice. For a fee of \$500, you will learn about the industry through workshops, tours, course materials and on-farm training. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for this immersive learning experience. Apply or learn more about the program at www.growinggrowers.org/. If you have any questions, contact Zac Hoppenstedt, Johnson County Horticulture Agent at growers@ksu.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be May 27-29 at Kansas State University.

Campference will be June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

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.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings

The remaining meeting dates for the Countywide Rabbit Project group are: February 3, April 6, and June 1. There will be presentations from speakers and opportunities to learn from fellow 4-H'ers in the Rabbit Project. Meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 1070 at the Extension office. If you have any questions, contact Jenny at jwassom@msn.com.

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. Exhibitors participating as a 7-year old 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. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4HOnline. 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. Registration for the remaining in-person training in Johnson County is available at www.YQCA.org. (Please call the Extension office at 913-715-7000 to sign-up a 7-year-old for the training). The remaining training date is February 24 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner from 6:30-8 p.m.

**Please remember to use your 4-HOnline information to login and print your YQCA Certificate to bring to County Fair. For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html and feel free to contact the Johnson County 4-H office if you have any questions.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewing Project members - If you have ever wanted to learn to sew or are currently sewing and want a place to sew, then come join the countywide sewing group. The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday until July 16. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

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 more information.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Anyone interested in the Astronomy Project is invited to participate in the following activities:

StarLab Planetarium Program: Welcome to the Neighborhood – In the brand new DIGITAL StarLab, you will learn about the planets, stars, and the moon.

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 **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. All ages are welcome, however children must be at least six years old. Please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com if you are planning on coming.

Astronomy Meetings to Make County Fair Entries – Wouldn't it be great to have a county fair entry completed ahead of time, not at the last minute? There will be two opportunities this year to make Astronomy fair entries:

1) Astronomy Posters, Educational Displays, and Notebooks

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Please bring the following supplies to the meeting:

- Brainstorm in advance about your favorite astronomy topic you have or want to learn about this year (examples: planets, stars, comets, galaxies, space phenomena, etc.)
- Poster (20" x 30"), educational display (3' x 4' tri-fold display board), or notebook (any size 3-ring binder)
- Print out and bring to the meeting any pictures, facts, etc. you would like to include in your display
- Scissors, glue/glue sticks, construction paper will be available at the meeting, however if there is a particular color of construction paper you will be needing, please bring it with you to the meeting.

2) Telescope-Building Workshop – You will be building telescopes from scratch!

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Supplies: Please bring two paper towel tubes for each 4-H'er participating in the workshop.

**If you are planning on coming to either program please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com to ensure that enough supplies are available for the meeting.

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

State Opportunities

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.

State Opportunities

Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day

Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day are biennial events that take place at Weber Arena on the Kansas State campus in Manhattan. Each junior day program is a one-day educational opportunity for youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and other interested parties to increase their knowledge about youth livestock production and management. All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register (both adults/parents and youth). The cost for each junior day is \$15/person for those who register by the early deadline, and \$20/person for those who register after the deadline. Please note, any registrations *received* after the early deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. **There are no refunds.**

There are two methods to register: by mail or online. To register by mail, complete the bottom portion of the flyer posted on the Youth Livestock website at www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ and send with payment to their office. Or register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. Online up to 5 individuals can be registered at a time. In order to add additional people, select “continue shopping” after completing the information for the first attendee. When everyone has been registered, then “check out” and submit your payment.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day – Saturday, February 29, 2020

Early Registration Due – February 7, 2020 for \$15/person (\$20 after February 7)

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day – Saturday, March 14, 2020

Early Registration Due – February 21, 2020 for \$15/person (\$20 after February 21)

YQCA Instructor-led Class Available at Junior Producer Days

An instructor-led training for youth to earn their YQCA certification will also be offered at the junior producer days. It will be provided as an optional session after each junior day program concludes (approximately 4 p.m.). It is expected to last 1 hour and 15 minutes to an hour and a half. This is being provided as an additional opportunity for youth to complete the \$3 instructor-led class. Youth only need to participate in the training once annually. Additional details will be emailed to those who indicate through their junior day registration that they plan to attend the YQCA session, as participation will require an additional registration step.

4-H Day with Wildcat Women Basketball

The 12th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball team has been scheduled for Sunday, March 8, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas. Tip-off will be at 2 p.m. For \$22, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a gameday t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will be online with a deadline of February 18. A flyer with details on how to register can be found at www.kansas4-h.org under “What’s Hot.”

4-H Super Saturday

Held on March 21 in Hays, this annual event promises to provide engaging learning opportunities for 4-H'ers of all ages and their parents. You'll find judging contests, hands on project learning, volunteer engagement and more at this year's 4-H Super Saturday. The contests are also open to FFA members. Specific contest and workshop details will be available shortly at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html.

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Amazing Adventures of 4-H Week, Oxford Hustler style

By Adriana Murdoch, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Our adventures start in Shawnee, Kansas where Mayor Michelle Distler read a Proclamation on September 23rd for the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club of Shawnee as part of the National 4-H Week! Our club has been completing this for over 8 years. A proclamation is a public or official announcement, especially one dealing with a matter of great importance. We believe being in 4-H is of great importance in our growth, achievements, and life skills.

On October 6th, we joined Lenexa United Methodist church for 4-H Sunday. We helped the 9 a.m. service by ushering and sitting members of the church, handing out the daily bulletin, reading scripture, and singing with the choir. Fern, our President, also talked about 4-H to the congregation, letting them know a little about 4-H and when we meet.



Then October 12th, we once again ventured to Olathe to participate in 48 Hours of Service by helping New Hope Pantry deliver food provided by Harvesters into over 150 car trunks. It was hard to separate the fruit sometimes, there were surprises but even those go to a compost bin. We have completed this service for the last 5 years and it is one of our favorite volunteer adventures.



4-H Club Celebrates Christmas with Fund Raising and Fun

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

On January 4, the Frontier Family 4-H Club wrapped gifts at a local retail store and raised money for the club. The club has been doing this for 2 years and members have lots of fun helping families get ready for Christmas. The club decided to wrap gifts for free and have a tip jar for people who wanted to give money to the club. The club also had a Christmas party. They had a big feast and played lots of games like unwrap the gift and a fun plastic wrap game. They also decorated paper placemats for nursing homes residents.



Club members pause from their Christmas gift wrapping fund raiser.



Frontier Family 4-H'ers work together unwrapping a gift to the club.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Being Built with the Blue River Wranglers

By Keaton Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

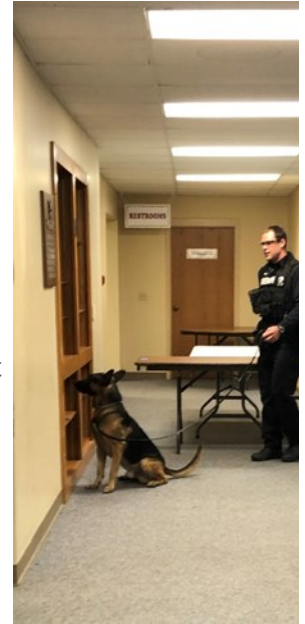
The Blue River Wranglers are building knowledge!

The Blue River Wranglers have been busy lately. The Blue River Wranglers (BRW) have done a lot of activities. One of the activities was learning about K-9s. BRW members learned how long it takes to train a K-9. Another thing 4-H'ers learned is how they choose the K-9s for the job. Thank you to JOCO Sherriff's office for coming to our meeting.



The BRW members also went on a field trip to Guetterman Farms. 4-H'ers learned what is in your everyday products such as soybeans and corn. We also learned how they cut the corn, dry the corn and transport it to people who use it in our products. Another thing BRW learned is how a combine works. Thank you to this 4-H family.

The club went to Mrs. Long's house and learned how to bake croissants and bread. They were very good right out of the oven.



Stanley Buccaneers 4-H member Charlie Bergdall led an evening of astronomy on Thursday, January 2. The 4-H'ers did a judging poster before entering the Starlab. They learned how to identify constellations of the Winter Skies as well as how the position of the Big Dipper in the evening indicates the season. Star cookies were served along with 4-H giveaways. Families from the clubs Morning Glory, Oxford Hustlers, Prairie Moon, Prairie Star and Stanley Buccaneers were represented.

By Charlie Bergdall,
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4-H Club Astronomy
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REPORTER'S CORNER

Busy and fun Winter break for Lucky Clovers

by Pax Bustamante, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club had a great time on their educational tour! To start Thanksgiving break on November 27th the 4-H'ers of the Lucky Clover Club met at the Johnson County History Museum. There was a 1950s all electric house decked out with cool retro Christmas decorations. The telephone had a cord and the TV was box shaped. The next exhibit was about the history of the land of Johnson county. The crop exhibit showed how some were good but also how some were going to die from drought so we had a puck and we would drop it down and it would land on what happened to your crops. Next, we saw an old school bell and the rust was insane! As well as we saw an old car, a mid 50s Chevrolet, in the driveway of the all-electric 50s house.

The December monthly club meeting was not just business. The club chose to make the meeting also a holiday party! There were board games and apple cider. There was Christmas bingo, Candy Land and everyone brought their favorite snacks and treats. The club's final winter activity was our service project for the month. Our club has partnered with Shawnee Community Services to help with their Holiday Party for kids for many years. This year the club donated about 75 wrapped gifts! Another service tradition is playing bingo and giving Valentines to the residents of Shawnee Gardens. That's what the Lucky Clover 4-H club will be up to next.

That's all until next time. Pax, 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.

February

- 3 - Countywide Rabbit Project Meeting
 - County Council Officers meeting
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - County Club Day
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Teens in the Kitchen Class (pre-registration required)
- 16 - Robotics Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 16-17 - Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 18 - 4-H Day w/ Wildcat Basketball registration due
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21-22 - Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 23 - Countywide Astronomy Project Activity
- 24 - YQCA in-person training at Fairgrounds
- 26 - Bowling Social
- 27 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 29 - Jo. Co. Ext. Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

March

- 2 - County Council meeting
- 8 - 4-H Day w/ Wildcat Basketball (pre-registration required)
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Teens in the Kitchen Class (pre-registration required)
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - Barn Quilt Day Camp (pre-registration required)
- 20 & 21 - Sewing Camp (pre-registration required)
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - 4-H Super Saturday in Hays
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Regional Club Day

Check out 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 15th 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 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

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.

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/. As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment please contact 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 or any of your club members 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.

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/. 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/. 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.