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A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New Year! 2018 is sure to be a wonderful 4-H year. The search for a new agent is still on going and we truly appreciate the feedback we received from the survey. The goal moving forward to is to have more opportunities for your voices to be heard on how we can continue supporting the 4-H families and strengthening our program. January and February are busy months with quite a few great 4-H activities to engage in on both a local and state level. We encourage you to check out the Citizens in Action event, remember Food Fare is one of the most tasty events, and one of the biggest highlights for some is Club Day! Best wishes for a happy and successful new year. -Tara

Food Fare

The 2018 Food Fare will be held on Saturday, January 27 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 "Around the World." 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.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. Some examples of themes already selected are Mediterranean and Sweden. More details about 2018's Food Fare will be sent out to club leaders soon. If you have any questions about this event, please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Johnson County Club Day

New Club Day Event! — This year there will be a new event for the intermediate and senior age divisions called "Career Exploration." Details about this new event can be found on pages 53-56 of the 2018 Club Day Guidelines found on the website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. This event will also be offered at Regional Club Day for those receiving Top Purple.

Club Day Information — 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.

State & Local Deadlines

48 Hours of 4-H Wrap Up

If members from your club completed an activity for 48 Hours of 4-H have one person from the group fill out the online report at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html. Even if your club's activity was not pre-registered, please take the time to fill out the form in order for the Kansas 4-H office to have a record of all the activities that were done across the state. If you have thoughts about the event there is a place to add those in the online report as well.



Please Complete Reenrollment Now 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

- 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.
- "The Alien Adventure"** will be April 6-7 at the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson.
- Citizenship Washington Focus** will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.
- Campference** will be June 26-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.
- Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 18-19 in Manhattan.

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 starting January 4. 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 registration for the 2018 training season is now open. 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 Holloway 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.

Johnson County 4-H'er New Member of Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

We would like to congratulate Sophia, a member of the Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club, on being selected as one of the NE Area Representatives on the 2018 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council! The Youth Leadership Council's annual projects include: Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, and the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum.

Local Opportunities

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. If you have any questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

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>.

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 list of available scholarships has also been posted on this webpage. 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.**

Save 15% at JOANN Fabrics with the new 4-H Rewards Card

JOANN Fabrics and National 4-H Council are partnering to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Just in time for the holidays, you can now save 15% off your JOANN purchases with the free 4-H Reward Card. When you use this card, JOANN will donate 2.5% of all eligible purchases to National 4-H Council. For more details and to sign up for the reward card visit <https://4-h.org/get-involved/partners/4-h-and-joann/>.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Pioneer 4-H Elects Officers by Ingrid McGinnis, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

Pioneer 4-H Club elected new officers on September 25. Club leaders Janice Kresin and Becky Gipson led the officer installation using an interesting analogy of the building of a banana split sundae. Each ingredient in the dessert is similar to the important role each officer plays in the club success. The following is a list of members and their offices: Sydney, President; Justine, Vice President; Eva, Secretary; Aniston, Treasurer; Rachel, Corresponding Secretary; Ingrid, Reporter; Millicent & Lauren, Historian; Sydney, Parliamentarian; Caleb, Kyla, & Nathan, Greeters; Nicole, Recreation Leader; Anika, Alyson, and Sybil, Health and Wellness Reporters; Lydia, Pledge Leader & Sergeant at Arms; Garrett, Webmaster. At the conclusion of the meeting, the VanBooven and Huggins families supplied banana splits!



The Frontier Family 4-H Club has been very active this year in the area of service. In October, they visited the Ronald McDonald house to prepare dinner for the families at Children's Mercy. Next month at their November Meeting, canned goods were collected at their Friendsgiving dinner to give as donations. Most recently, they set aside cookies from their cookie exchange to give to firefighters and the workers at the extension office. Throughout it all, the Frontier Family has managed to have fun while serving various areas of the community in different ways. Hopefully this is a skill they will learn to keep practicing even outside of 4-H.

By Sarah Commerford, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter



Pioneer 4-H Makes Community Alliance

by Ingrid McGinnis, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

During the first weekend in October, the Kaw Valley Farm Tour showcased several local producers. Happy Valley Farm of De Soto welcomed the Pioneer 4-H Club to serve lunches on Saturday and Sunday. Members enjoyed being on the farm and getting acquainted with visitors, as well as promoting the 4-H program.

On October 29, the Happy Valley Farm hosted Pioneer 4-H'ers in their annual year-end celebration. The club was treated to a bonfire, hayrides, hot dogs, s'mores, and chips.

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 online
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Dog Club dog training registration due
 - Northeast Area 4-H Leadership Event
- 22 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship applications due to office
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Baskets/Auction items due for JCEEF Auction
- 27 - Food Fare

February

- 1 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 3 - Jo. Co. Ext. Education Foundation dinner
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 8 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - County Club Day
- 15 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 22 - 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

Please take some time to visit the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html.

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/.



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December 18, 2017

RE: Extension Foundation Dinner and Auction

The Johnson County Extension Education Foundation will hold their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The Foundation Board is asking all 4-H clubs to participate in the creation of theme baskets to be used as auction items. All proceeds from the event will help support the Foundation's grant funding program which benefits special projects in the Extension program areas of 4-H, FACS, Horticulture, Agriculture and Community Development.

Baskets can be developed around a 4-H project theme like gardening, clothing, foods, art and crafts, etc. As an incentive, baskets will be judged and the top three clubs awarded prize money of \$75 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. If your club is interested in creating and donating a basket, please contact the Extension Office. Baskets are due to the Extension Office by January 26.

I also want to ask you to consider soliciting donations to the silent auction. As an incentive, all items solicited by 4-H will receive half the proceeds for program support. Items such as restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, clothing, tickets to the many Kansas City venues, and personal and business services are popular auction items. Please use the enclosed auction donation form to help with your efforts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office, 913-715-7015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lin Coad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "L" and "C".

Lin Coad
President, Johnson County Extension Education Foundation

Enclosure

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