

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Note from Olivia

Hello all,

I would like to share with you that I have resigned from my position as 4-H Youth Development Agent and my last day will be December 31. My husband and I are making life changes due to his military career. It has been an honor and a pleasure to know you all and work in support of a program with such a strong and selfless community. Thank you all for sharing your enthusiasm and passion for 4-H with me.

Sincerely, Olivia

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 12. The location is still being confirmed, we will notify families as soon as that information is available. 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 14 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.

Food Fare

Food Fare will be held on Saturday, January 29 at the Extension office. This event 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 "Months of the Year." 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 on the 4-H Food Fare webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Recording Volunteer Hours as a 4-H Volunteer

An accurate recording of hours served by our volunteers is valuable in determining the reach and success of Johnson County 4-H programs. We would like to encourage all registered 4-H volunteers to record their hours through their 4-H Online account. Instructions can be found on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/volunteer-hours.html. If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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.

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.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2022

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.

Celebrate 4-H with Holiday Activities

Explore hands-on activities to spark curiosity for the kids in your family with National 4-H this holiday season. Check out the 4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide at <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/holiday-2021/> for lots of festive activities. Also, your family can find educational activities and learning experiences all year long at <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>.

Help Needed with Fundraiser for Johnson County 4-H Alumna

Volunteers are seeking support and help with a fundraiser for Johnson County 4-H alumna, Amanda Allen, daughter of Gary and Lisa Allen. The Allen family has been very active in Johnson County 4-H for a long time.

From the age of ten Amanda has been fighting a hard battle with diabetes and has been through more pain and heartache than most of us have in a lifetime. Most recently she had to have both her legs amputated and is now in need of a wheelchair accessible van in order to get to dialysis and help her with her daily routine. She is only 29 years old.

On Saturday, January 29, 2022, a taco dinner/auction fundraiser will take place in the 4-H building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. 4-H clubs and families can help by putting together baskets with a theme (i.e. dog, horse, K-State, gardening, etc.) for the auction and also by securing auction items. Baskets and auction items need to be turned in by January 25, 2022.

Please save the date to come and help support Amanda. If you have any questions please contact Denise King at Kingflock@aol.com. To learn more about Amanda's battle with diabetes, read Denise's letter to 4-H friends, members and alumni posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

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.

Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Tail Waggers Dog Project is happy to announce they are accepting new family registrations for their 2022 training season. Please complete the registration form posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html and email to donna.holloway@yahoo.com no later than January 4, 2022. There will be an orientation meeting on January 5, 2022, and training sessions will be held weekly on Wednesday nights at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Additional details are outlined on the registration form. If you have any questions about the 4-H Dog project, don't hesitate to contact Donna Holloway at 913-433-6752.

New Countywide Sewing Project Meetings to Resume

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 starting January 6 through July.

For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

- "Winter Night Sky" StarLab Planetarium Program – Join fellow 4-H'ers at the Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library for a special astronomy program in their portable planetarium, the StarLab. We will learn about the stars, planets, and constellations in the winter sky. If you are enrolled in the astronomy project, or just have a novice interest in astronomy, you won't want to miss this special program! Note, participants will be sitting on the floor in an enclosed dome for approximately an hour. Registration is required and is limited to 25 participants. Also, per library rules, masks are required.
Date: January 23, 2022 **Time:** 1-2:30 p.m. **Location:** Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library at Wyandotte County Lake, 4051 West Dr, Kansas City, KS 66109
- 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 Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project leader at handerson3@gmail.com.

County Project Opportunities

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 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.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... While volunteerism is crucial to the success of 4-H, it is a privilege, not a right to be a 4-H volunteer. Volunteers are expected to adhere to the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct. Volunteers may be dismissed from service at any time. For more information, see section 8: 4-H Volunteers in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/).

State Opportunities

2022 Kansas Junior Producer Days

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, and Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie.

Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website at www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/. Registration is due February 11, for Junior Beef Producer Day and February 25, for Junior Sheep Producer Day.

2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

Applications for 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. Listed on this website is the scholarship application link, recommendation letter link and the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ambassador Training will be February 4-5 at Rock Springs.

Citizenship in Action will be February 20-21 in Topeka.

Johnson County Fair will be July 31-August 6 in Gardner.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers Celebrate Achievement

By Nate Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club was well represented at the 2020-2021 Johnson County 4-H Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The county-wide event was held in the 4-H Building at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. Every member of the club received their Membership Pins at various levels for the past 4-H year as well as completing the requirements for every Officer Pin. The club earned 29 Medallions for Project Reports in 12 project areas. In addition, members Nathan and Cora earned Public Speaking awards. The club was proud of last year's Vice President Alexandria for winning the Project Report for ages 14 and up in the Civic Engagement project. She will represent Johnson County in this project area for Regional Competition in the coming months. Congratulations on a great year!



Morning Glory Serves Community

By Jackson Hogan, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

The Morning Glory 4-H Club adopted a family for the Christmas season from the Salvation Army. In addition, Morning Glory members rang the red bells, collecting money for the organization outside of stores in Gardner.

We enjoyed giving thanks to those who helped us with our projects throughout the year during our Annual Appreciation Dinner. Members also played a fun "balance the gumdrop" game, with our champions Sammy, Haley and Jenna. This month, we are celebrating Christmas at our meeting where everyone will bring a delicious treat.



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

The Season of Giving

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers worked together in December to help others have happier holidays. For our winter service project, club members rang the Salvation Army bell in front of the Shawnee Hy-Vee grocery store for three weekends in a row, singing carols to thank donors. The club's winter giving focused on adopting a family for Christmas. Club members signed up and brought gifts to the December meeting to help this local family in need.

This month's joke is:

Q. What do you say to your friends on New Year's Day?

A. I haven't seen you since last year!



Representatives of the Johnson County Livestock Club received the American Royal Team Award during the 2021 American Royal volunteer-recognition banquet on December 9, 2021.



The Team Award was established in 2014 to recognize a committee, group, or organization that has provided outstanding volunteer service to the American Royal.

In presenting the award, American Royal Livestock Event Manager Allyssa King said, "Even with their involvement with showing their own animals at other shows and at the American Royal, the Johnson County Livestock Club went out of their way to make sure the Royal was ready for show time."

Members of the Johnson County Livestock Club have volunteered their time as a club community service project for the last four years to hand stuff hundreds of American Royal Livestock Show exhibitor packets with thousands of pieces of material. Even during volunteer shortages related to the past two years' pandemic reaction, King noted, the Johnson County Livestock Club made no exception.

"Along with stuffing exhibitor packets, painting signs, and other work to prep for the livestock show," she said, "the Johnson County Livestock Club has helped in the past by bringing animals to events to showcase the mission of the American Royal. Congratulations, Johnson County Livestock Club!"

A non-profit organization based in Kansas City since 1899, The American Royal provides opportunities for youth and adults from around the country to compete in its annual Livestock Show, ProRodeo, and Horse Shows. The American Royal donates more than \$1 million annually for youth scholarships and agriculture education program support.

By Jacob Smith, Johnson County Livestock Club Reporter. (Photo courtesy American Royal.)

January

- 2 - Dog Club Training registration due
- 3 - County Council meeting
- 4 - Tail Waggers Training registration due
- 5 - Tail Waggers Training Orientation (pre-registration required)
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Dog Club Training Orientation (pre-registration required)
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - County Club Day registration & payment due
- 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 - 4-H Day KSU Women's Basketball
 - StarLab Presentation (pre-registration required)
- 27 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28-30 - Horse Panorama (pre-registration required)
- 29 - Food Fare (pre-registration required)
 - Fundraiser for Amanda Allen at the JoCo fairgrounds

February

- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4-5 - Ambassador Training (pre-registration required)
- 7 - County Council Officers meeting
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10-13 - Healthy Living Summit (pre-registration required)
- 11 - Jr. Beef Producer Day registration due online
- 12 - County Club Day (pre-registration required)
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20-21 - Citizenship in Action (pre-registration required)
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day registration due online

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

Remind Families to Re-enroll

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2021. **If families are not enrolled for the 2022 4-H year they will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only contact information from the current year's enrollments is now being used.**

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com> and enrollment guides for volunteers and families 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 Clover-buds will not be charged the fee.)

As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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.

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.