

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

It is amazing how fast time passes during the busy summer months! It is hard to believe, but June has already come and gone. Wild Clover and Fantastic 4-H Camp are already done. We survived the heat and inclement weather. Campers and staff alike had a ton of fun and made lots of memories. Time sure does fly when you are having fun, and I am looking forward to next year's camps.

The start of July also means that the Johnson County Fair is right around the corner. Spring livestock shows are over, animals have been tagged, and 4-H'ers are putting the finishing touches on their projects. I can't wait to see all the hard work that has gone into all the different projects. Thanks again for all your work and dedication to making Johnson County 4-H an awesome organization. I'll see you at the fair! **-Lee**

4-H Project Auction

The Johnson County 4-H Project Auction is the final step in the "Learning by Doing" 4-H experience. The projects for sale at the auction represent the learning, time, money and effort invested by the individual 4-H club member in the current 4-H year. The auction serves to educate club members about the process of showmanship and marketing of their project to the public through the auction. The bidders, who want artwork for their homes/businesses, woodworking furniture, baked goods for their tables, quilts for their college-bound children, etc., then bid on the project item(s) and the 4-H club member earns his/her wages to invest in the next project, college fund, or other venture that interests them. The Project Auction is held at the Livestock Pavilion at the Johnson County Fair on the Friday of fair week, at approximately 8 p.m.



Instructional Class

The county will be offering a Project Auction 101 instructional class for those 4-H club members who are interested in bringing their project to auction at the Johnson County Fair. This class will provide participants instruction in the final step of their project, showmanship and marketing, and how to obtain the best price for the project. It will also serve to inform participants how to enroll their project and the rules guiding the auction. The class will be held June 28 at 7 p.m., at the Johnson County Extension office and is open to all 4-H club members and parents. Please mark your calendars for this informative class!

Fair Edition

2017 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2017 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at www.jocokansasfair.com/Fair%20Book.htm. The Johnson County Fair Board has again provided each 4-H family with a hard copy of the fair book free of charge. Fair books were given to club leaders to distribute to the families in their club.

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 26. All entries for clothing construction, dog show, fashion revue, fiber arts, and home environment will be due on **July 1**. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit stall requests and tag numbers by July 26. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H member's name who is exhibiting the animal by the July 26 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship. **All livestock entries must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag. In the event a 4-H'er forgets to bring their entry tag, the Fair office will be available to print it.**

Only online entries are accepted. The Johnson County Fair website is being updated so there is no link to the online entry system at www.jocokansasfair.com. To complete online entries use the link posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. Note: Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation.

After the entry deadline adding a class/entry is not an option. If you are not sure about what you are taking to the fair, please wait until closer to the deadline to make your entries. This will help keep dropped entries to a minimum as the Fair Board has to pay for each dropped entry.

In order to save time with project check-in at the fair, 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to print their entry tags at home.

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (as of January 1, 2017) are eligible to apply. Applications are due to the Extension office by June 30. Interviews and presentations are scheduled for Saturday, July 15. Coronation will take place during the Fashion Revue on July 27. All application documents and additional information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html. Questions about Mr. and Miss 4-H can be directed to Susan Rogers at 913-226-6167 or srgateway2000@gmail.com.

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available to pick up at the Extension office as well as on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print off at home. Clothing labels can be made by typing, or printing in ink, on a 3" x 5" piece of white cloth: Class Number, Name, and Address. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Fair Edition

Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for Photography project members to purchase. Photo mats are \$1.25 each and photo sleeves are \$0.25 each. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat and preferably placed in a protective photo sleeve for display. You may pick up photo mounting directions and labels at the Extension office and they are also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Entering Quilts in the Fair

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

4-H Foods Judging

The 4-H foods judging will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 31.

A note from our FACS/Health and Food Safety agent regarding food entries:

Many of you may already be researching and testing recipes for your food entries. To make sure your entry is food safe and eligible for judging, please keep the following in mind:

- Your product should **not** require refrigeration.
- Cream cheese in any form (even baked in the recipe) is **not** allowed.
- Fresh fruit is **not** allowed.
- Egg custards and recipes using egg custards are **not** allowed (including cakes and pies).
- Fruit and pecan pies are ok so long as all ingredients have been baked. So, no fresh fruit sitting on top, please.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office.

Canning and Preservation fair classes: 4-H'ers should only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging. This a food safety issue.

Project Check-in

Projects will be checked in on Monday, July 31, from 6:30-9 p.m. and again on Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Please plan on arriving before 10 a.m. to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, August 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the 4-H building. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds can bring a maximum of two projects to show and share. Each Cloverbud will sign up for a 15 minute time slot. A signup sheet will be available Monday evening and Tuesday morning during project check-in inside the 4-H building. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, please visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399>. Projects that are reasonable in size and are not living/breathing will be displayed in the 4-H building and available for pick up Sunday, August 6.

Fair Edition

Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up

Please check the schedule at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to find your club's work day. If you cannot make your assigned club time, please come on an alternate date and help another club. Also, please bring the appropriate cleaning supplies necessary for your club to clean your area. Each club should bring brooms as every building will need swept. If you are in a building with display cases, please bring paper towels and cleaner. Teen 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to bring a Weed Eater if they would like to assist with trimming around buildings and fences during clean up days.

4-H Food Stand

Each year the Johnson County 4-H Council has a food stand at the county fair. This is our largest fundraiser for the County Council. County Council funds Achievement Celebration, transportation for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, trip scholarships for 4-H'ers, Family Night and Officers Training, County and Regional Club Days and much more. A two hour shift at the food stand is a small price to pay for a year of all these great county-wide activities!

Food Stand Schedule

Main Food Stand

Monday, July 31st 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Hands of Hope Happy Helpers
5:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Livestock Club
Tuesday, August 1st 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Lucky Clover
4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Morning Glory
Wednesday, August 2nd 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Dog Club Frontier Family
4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Horse Club Comet Tech
Thursday, August 3rd 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Great Plains
4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Pioneer
Friday, August 4th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Country Hearts
4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Blue River Wranglers
Saturday, August 5th 11:00 am to 5:00 pm	Prairie Star
4:30 pm to 10:30 pm	Spring Hill Rustlers

Arena Food Stand

Monday, July 31st CLOSED	
Tuesday, August 1st 6:00 pm to Close	Sharon
Wednesday, August 2nd CLOSED	
Thursday, August 4th 5:00 pm to Close	Stanley Buccaneers
Friday, August 5th 5:00 pm to Close	Oxford Hustlers
Saturday, August 6th 5:00 pm to Close	Prairie Moon

***The 2017 Food Stand Schedule is also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Fair Edition

Livestock T-shirts

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association has changed the color of the shirts this year, requiring the purchase of new show shirts for the 2017 year. This year's shirt is yellow in color. You should have already placed your order with your club leader as shirts will be delivered in July.

Livestock and Project Auctions

Livestock Auction: Exhibitors must turn in auction forms to sell their livestock to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. Friday, or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the beef show, along with a W-9 IRS form.

Project Auction: Project auction forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Wednesday along with a W-9 IRS form, no exceptions.

It is against policy of the Johnson County Fair for any livestock or projects sold at the 4-H/FFA auction to be shown at any other county, state or national competition. See the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section or the 4-H/FFA Project Auction section in the 4-H Fair Book for more details about the Livestock Auction and Project Auction.

State Fair Entries

All 4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a comparable department at the State Fair. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the Fair Office from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4. 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2017 to enter in the State Fair. All entries for the Kansas State Fair must be made with the Extension office by 5 p.m. Thursday, August 10. **Please note:** beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1.

Annual Barnyard Olympics Competition!

Please join the Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 9 p.m. (or immediately after the Project Auction) in the Livestock Pavilion for the Annual Barnyard Olympics competition. This event is a timed, barnyard themed obstacle course. Round up a team of four—remember one member must be female, and one member must be at least 18 years of age. This event is open to everyone! You do not need to be in 4-H or FFA to compete. Registration and a \$5 team entry fee will be collected at the 4-H Ambassador Booth during fair week or immediately preceding the competition at the pavilion. The collected fee will be used for scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend state events and for the promotion of 4-H throughout the county. Please join us for a barnyard load of fun on August 4!

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. Sunday, August 6. All remaining exhibits will be released at 9 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make arrangements with another 4-H'er to pick up their entries by Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries. All 4-H entries and premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that 4-H exhibitors help with fair clean up.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Show

The Johnson County 4-H Agility and Rally-O Dog Show will be on Saturday, July 8, with pre-registration and 4-H Dog Show Immunization Records due by July 1. The show will be held in the Green Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds. A flyer/registration form is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

2017 4-H Horse Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club is sponsoring a horse show on Saturday, July 8 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. The Show Bill/Entry Form is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

The 2017 East Central District Horse Show is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Entries were due June 15.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Future Sewers: Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and a lifelong skill. Are you interested in learning how to take a piece of material and creating something that can be worn? Classes are held every Thursday until July 20. Join 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. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Countywide Horse Project 2017 Meetings

The Foundation Horse Project Team serves all 4-H clubs and members in Johnson County. This is a countywide opportunity for those interested in learning more about the horse project. Any 4-H member interested in the horse project or becoming educated about horses is welcome to participate. This team does not take the place of your 4-H club and members still need to be active in a local 4-H club of their choice. The purpose of this team is to establish a solid foundation for horse education. The focus will be on educational activities including horse husbandry, safety, feeding, industry topics, and veterinary medicine. **The remaining meetings for 2017 are August 9 and October 11.** All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office and start at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at horsedoc96@gmail.com with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

SAVE THE DATE!

State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 19 in Manhattan on the K-State Campus

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 19-20 in Manhattan.

AKSARBEN Stock Show will be September 28-October 1 in Grand Island, NE.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 7-8.

Ks. Youth Leadership & 4-H Volunteer Forums will be held November 17-19 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Local Opportunities

Share Your 4-H Projects with a Local Group

The Harmony Homemakers FCE group will be holding a meeting the afternoon of Thursday, July 6 at the Extension office. Every year at this meeting they invite Johnson County 4-H'ers to share 1-2 of their projects and then feed them delicious homemade cookies afterwards! There are presentation time slots available from 1-3 p.m. that day. Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945acaf2aaaff2-4hpresentations>.

Your Pictures are Needed!

The County Council Historians would love to have pictures of your recent 4-H events, especially from spring livestock shows, shooting sports matches, club service projects, and fair preparations. Please email photos to joco4-h@jocogov.org. Please label the photos with club name and event. Other ideas of events to submit photos from would be: Officer Training and Project Fair, the Achievement Celebration, Food Fare, Club Days, club meetings, and Christmas parties.

Thanks, Alexandria and Kairi (County Council Historians)

Livestock Grant and Mentor Applications

The Johnson County Livestock Association will again this year provide funding for their 4-H Livestock Grant and Mentor Program. The Grant Program will award \$1,100 to a 4-H'er enrolled in the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'er in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. Experienced 4-H'ers who apply to the Mentor Program could earn \$500 for the beef project and \$300 in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. If you would like an opportunity to apply for the Grant Program or Mentor Program, please fill out an application by the July 14 due date. Applications will be available at the Extension office or online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/johnson-county-livestock-association.html.

State Opportunities

State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show Entry Information

Rules and entry information for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) can be found on their respective websites, which are listed below. The entry systems for both shows are now open.

Kansas State Fair Grand Drive – Entries DUE July 15 - <http://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/exhibitors/livestock-competitions/377>

Kansas Junior Livestock Show – Entries DUE August 15 - <http://www.kjls.org/>



Join the Discovery Days Task Force

Do you love to attend 4-H Discovery Days?? Then you should apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force for 2018! Discovery Days Task Force applications are now available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. Applications are due October 1 and applicants should expect to be notified by November 1 as to their selection as a Task Force member. This year the Discovery Days Retreat will be held in December.

REPORTER'S CORNER

What does the perfect fieldtrip include? For the Great Plains 4-H Club, a trip downtown to ride the KC Street Car and visit the National Archives with 4-H friends! Their adventure began with a short stop at the National Archives for a tour and educational video. 4-H members were able to see employees in action—examining and labeling artifacts brought in by people from the Kansas City area. Next, they continued their adventure by hopping on the KC Street Car and meeting Streetcar Sandy, the conductor, who was, herself, a 4-H'er growing up! They made several stops along the way to Costello's Market and rooftop garden, the Kansas City Library and the River Market. What an absolutely fun way to explore both the rich history of Kansas City at the National Archives and the many exciting attractions available within the downtown area. A big thank you to the Kwasiborski family for organizing this fabulous fieldtrip!

By Zoe Nason, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



The Comet Tech Junior Leaders, Seth, Zach, Spenser and Matt presented a demonstration on Newton's Three Laws of Motion at the county extension office on May 13th. The junior leaders started learning the three laws of motion and the forces that resist motion last fall. Over the winter, they made three small wood boats of the same size with different propulsions to test the laws. The propulsions included kinetic energy, steam and air powered. As the boats powered down a water filled gutter, they explained how the laws applied to the motion of the boats in water. After the demonstration, the junior leaders let the children play with the boats and ask questions about Sir Isaac Newton. This effort was made to introduce 4-H and technology to the community and many visitors and a club exchange attended. The demonstration was followed by a special speaker, Chris, on Fanuc Robots. He showed a film on these robots in the workplace, how they worked, and talked to the club members and visitors about the importance of looking into robotics and programming for a future job.

By Seth Gunkel, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



July

- 1 - Entries for Clothing Construction, Dog Show Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, and Home Environment due
- 3 - County Council meeting
- 4 - Independence Day, office closed
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - Horse Show in Lawrence
 - Dog Club Dog Show at Jo. Co. Fairgrounds
- 11 - District Horse Show in Lawrence
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Livestock Grant/Mentor applications due
- 15 - Mr. & Miss 4-H Interviews and Presentations
 - State Fair Grand Drive entries due
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Entries due for exhibits judged during fair
 - Beef, Goat, Sheep and Swine Stall Requests and Tag Numbers due
- 27 - Fashion Revue at Wheatridge Middle School
- 31 - Evening project Check-in (6:30-9 p.m.)

August

- 1 - Morning project Check-in (8-10 a.m.)
- 3-4 - State Fair Entry sign-up in the Fair Office (3-5 p.m.)
- 6 - Release of livestock from fairgrounds (after 6 a.m.)
 - Pick up of remaining fair exhibits 9-9:30 a.m.
- 9 - Countywide Horse Project Meeting
- 10 - State Fair Entry requests due to office
- 15 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show entries due

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2017 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 2017 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

Club Members' Fair Exhibit Pick Up

Please collect any projects that have not been picked up by 4-H'ers in your club by 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 6 during fair clean-up.

4HOnline Enrollment for New Families

The 4HOnline system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4HOnline, but they will be stopped at the last section which is where they would choose their projects. If you have a new family in your club enrolling, please tell them to fill out all the sections completely and then contact Christin when they get to the Projects section. The State 4-H office has made a step by step brochure to help new families enroll. We have posted the brochure on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

Livestock T-shirt Orders

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association has changed colors of the shirts this year, requiring the purchase of new show shirts for the 2017 year. This year's shirt is yellow in color. Club orders and payment were due June 15. Orders will be available for pick up by club leaders at the Johnson County Fair office on the July 22 and July 29 workdays.

Additional Livestock T-shirt Pick-up Dates

If you would like to pick up your club's t-shirts on another day, you can coordinate pick up with the Fair office. The Fair office will be open 8 a.m.-12 p.m. July 22 and July 29, as well as the week before fair starting Wednesday, July 28, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. The Fair office phone number is 913-856-8860.

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/.

Club Leader Resources Page

Don't forget to check out the Club Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html.