

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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Welcome, Jessica!

Jessica Lawrenz joined the 4-H Youth Development team as the second agent on February 7. She comes to Extension from the Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library, at Wyandotte County Lake in Kansas City, where she was the Lead Education Specialist and Manager for 21 years. Jessica is a KC metro native and grew up in Kansas City, KS. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Pittsburg State University as well as her Master's degree in Education Leadership. Jessica has nine years of 4-H experience from the perspective of a parent as her daughter is in the Lucky Clover 4-H Club in Shawnee as well as an active member in Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports. Jessica is excited to be part of the Extension family and to be making an impact on the community through 4-H!

Kansas 4-H Scholarships Due March 1!

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.

Club Day Judging Activity Results

Many 4-H'ers tested their FCS and Horticulture knowledge at Club Day this year with amazing results! For those that participated, don't forget to include the activity in your record book.

Family and Consumer Sciences – 32 youth participated in the FCS judging activity at Club Day this year. The focus of the questions was on color, texture and line. The answer key and scores are posted on the 4-H Club Day website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html.

Horticulture – 58 youth participated in the Horticulture judging contest this year at Club Day. Participants tested their ability to identify plants and ranked specimens of apples and green onions from best to worst. The top three scores in each age division were:

Senior: 1st- Josiah Y. (Great Plains); 2nd- Maddie A. (Lucky Clover);
3rd- Nathan A. (Lucky Clover)

Intermediate: 1st- Olivia Y. (Great Plains); 2nd- Emma I. (Spring Hill Rustlers);
3rd- Iris F. (Great Plains)

Junior: 1st- Corissa R. (Morning Glory); 2nd- Samuel P. (Country Hearts);
3rd- Lauren C. (Lucky Clover)

There is also an opportunity to participate in Horticulture judging at the state level. If you are interested, contact the Extension office.

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 be approved in 4-H Online 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 4-H Online by simply clicking the Edit button in the Projects tab within 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 about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, 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 Friday, April 29** because May 1 falls on a Sunday this year. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. **Please note that the Horse ID Certificate dated January 2020 **must** be used. Also posted on the website above 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 Friday, April 29** since May 1 falls on a Sunday this year. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

NEW INFORMATION

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 KSU Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. ****NEW THIS YEAR: The nomination process is transitioning to an online system for state livestock nominations. Information will be released on March 1, 2022, on the KSU Youth Livestock Program's website 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 6 for more information about YQCA Certification.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2022

4-H Online opened October 1, 2021 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 is now being used. 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.

Local Opportunities

Archery SPIN Club Enrollment

Online registration for the Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 14. The registration link will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html.

A \$35 equipment fee will be required during online registration. This fee is for use of all the equipment, including bows, arrows, targets, stands, arm guard, finger protection, etc. Focus of the SPIN Club will be on beginning archery, but those that have more advanced skills are also welcome to register. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for perhaps joining the Match Practice group during the summer. The match practice group has limited space available.

Archery SPIN will meet five times on Sunday afternoons, beginning April 3. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS. Dates/times are tentatively set for April 3, 10, 24, May 1, and 8, from 2-3:30 p.m. In the event of bad weather, make-up days may be added during the week. Participants must be there for the first meeting since most safety topics will be covered that day. Class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Participants do not need to be current 4-H members, but must be between 4-H ages of 8-18 (age before January 1, 2022). Previous years' participants that are not a member of the Archery Match Practice group may take the class again. This is the only opportunity to get this instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Registrations could fill up quickly. If you attempt to sign up and see an announcement the class is full, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office to get on a waiting list. In addition to the equipment fee, participants will be required to fill out a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Club Participation Form. Contact Arn Eccles at arneccles@gmail.com for more information about the class or contact the Johnson County 4-H office about getting registered. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after registration has closed.



County Council Meeting 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. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Food Fare

Due to construction in the building and the rise in COVID positivity rates, Food Fare was rescheduled to Friday, April 8, still 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 family would like to attend Food Fare as participants, please sign up using the link on the 4-H Food Fare webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. This is a free event, however we do ask that participants bring nonperishable food items that will be donated to a local food bank. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Local Opportunities

Help Wanted: 4-H Food Stand

A responsible and organized adult is needed to serve as the 4-H Food Stand Manager for this year's Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and much more. The position does come with a stipend. Please see the Position Description posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at joco4-h@jocogov.org.



Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class Returns!

Are you ready to have some fun in the kitchen? Kids in the Kitchen - Italian Cuisine is a cooking class for youth ages 7-12 that will cover delicious Italian recipes, food safety, basic cooking skills and nutrition. The class will be held at the Johnson County Extension office on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Check-in starts at 9:45 a.m. with the class beginning promptly at 10 a.m. and concluding around 12 p.m. The cost to attend is \$20 per youth and you must register at <https://conta.cc/3IiPazf>.

Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

Question: *When did you join 4-H and why?*



Mr. 4-H, Ben Burling: I joined 4-H when I was 7 years old. I knew I wanted a 4-H livestock project, but I did not know what that really meant. We went to a meeting with a family we are friends with and I was hooked! I had a lot of fun at the first meeting and I learned there was a lot about 4-H I did not know. I have learned so much over the years. I hope new families attending their first meetings stay with us and grow to love 4-H too. You never know how far 4-H will take you in life.



Ms. 4-H, Becca Adair: My first exposure to 4-H was through some family friends we had known since before kindergarten, but my first personal 4-H experience was with a SPIN reading project. I still remember Tara Markley leading the group and the joy of finding books for my age group that I actually enjoyed reading. One of these families that had informally introduced us to 4-H happened to be a part of the JOCO Shooting Sports team, which prompted my mom to then sign me up for the BB Special Interest program. Of course, I was fully against the idea, but quickly realized my parents knew me better than I knew myself and fell in love with shooting sports. Without that first exposure in elementary school, these last seven years of my life would have been drastically different!

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Livestock Program

The Johnson County Livestock Program plans to meet again in March. You do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate! If you or anyone in your family is interested in attending, please help select the meeting date by completing the poll at <https://tinyurl.com/jocolivestock>.

The Countywide Livestock Program is centered around three pillars: education, judging, and careers dealing with livestock. Education could include, but is not limited to, hosting clinics, teaching youth what to expect when preparing for the livestock auction, etc. Judging includes working with youth wanting to learn more about each species and competition. Lastly, career information includes touring local agribusinesses, hosting presentations from professionals in the agriculture community, etc.

During the last meeting, chairs and co-chairs were selected for each sub-committee and they are: Careers-Mrs. Rietcheck; Education-Kristin K. & Ainsley P.; Judging-Mrs. Brunner & Mrs. LaPean. Since that meeting, the sub-committees have met and will bring their ideas and plans to the March meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jessie at jessie.furgins@jocogov.org.

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 meets to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday through July. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812.

Livestock Project Tagging & Spring Livestock Shows

All market sheep, steers, market heifers, hogs and goats must be tagged by Johnson County Extension staff on or before the respective Spring Show date in order to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost for this Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 each. Johnson County Extension staff will be on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Spring Livestock Shows to facilitate the purchasing and tagging process on the following dates:

April 8 (6-7 p.m.) — Beef only

April 9 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only

June 3 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only

June 4 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only

June 5 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only

For more information on the Spring Livestock Shows at the Johnson County Fairgrounds go to www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

Project Videos Available

Explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html for you to watch when you choose.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be June 1-3 at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 17-18 in Chanute.

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

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. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county 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. A copy of the YQCA certificate must be included with your nominations.

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.) **Johnson County 4-H will hold an in-person training at the Extension office on April 13 at 6 p.m.**

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

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

- Telescope-Building Workshop – Telescopes will be built from scratch and they can be brought to the Powell Observatory trip in June to look at the night sky!
Date: May 14, 2022 **Time:** 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Location:** Room 1070/1075 at the Johnson County Extension Office **Seats Available:** Attendance is limited to the first 10 4-H'ers who RSVP due to available supplies.
- Trip to the Powell Observatory – Be sure to bring your telescope!
Date: June 4, 2022 **Time:** TBA

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

Kansas 4-H Project Report Form Resources

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

Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers

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

State Opportunities

Cloverbud Volunteer Training

The Kansas 4-H Cloverbud Class is for any volunteer wanting to learn more about the Kansas 4-H Cloverbud program. This Canvas training includes modules that cover an introduction to Cloverbuds, the basic needs of youth, the Ages and Stages of Development, and applying the Ages and Stages of Development to Cloverbuds. Sections also include 4-H Cloverbud policies and resources for Cloverbuds including lesson plans from other universities and access to various activities. The course should take no more than two weeks to complete and is available to complete at your own pace. There will be two different starting dates: March 14-25 and April 1-15.

To register for either class, complete the form at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7UnCdwRVXhAxftA by March 5, 2022.

Insect Art Contest

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "The Benefit of Insects." The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important.

Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. A winner will be selected from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries.

Why should you participate? It's fun. It's an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of insects. It's an opportunity to flex your creative muscles and practice your (art)craft. It's a state contest and you can add that to your record book or pin application for Entomology and/or Visual Arts.

The deadline to submit entries is April 15, 2022. Additional information can be found at www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.

Host Families Needed

Academic Year Students - Kansas has received the national pool of 22 Japanese and Korean high school students for the 2022-23 school year. These students will be placed across the country by 4-H programs that participate in the Academic Year Program (AYP). Students cover their own personal and school expenses. Host families provide a bed, three meals a day and transportation. While placements will continue into the spring until all students are placed with families, Kansas 4-H families should apply now for the widest selection of students who would be a good family match. Due to the length of the program, there is a special application and follow-up process for those who wish to host. Please contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas International Exchange Coordinator, for details, students available, and the link to the application. Her email is mkm2@ksu.edu and telephone number is 785-375-3189.

Japanese Exchange Summer 2022 - Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 25-30 families this summer. Families willing to host a Japanese boy or girl are needed. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 and 15. Host family assignments will match each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other. Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. Contact Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, at pvanhorn@ksu.edu or 785-826-8917.

National Opportunities

4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders ages 15-19 with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the core pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living, and STEM. 4-H'ers share how they're impacting their communities through service and leadership.

Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership. Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Opportunities to showcase their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to National 4-H Council event
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

Learn more about the application process at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/> and set your calendar to apply by March 28, 2022.

USDA Summer AgDiscovery Program

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) sponsors a unique summer outreach program for youth in grades 7-12 to experience agriculture at a variety of universities that work with USDA across the country. Students spend 2-4 weeks at a university learning about agriculture. There is NO cost for tuition, room and board, activities, or meals. The only cost is for travel to and from the university campus. Each University offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. For more information and to apply, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022.

National Youth Summit on Healthy Living

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. This summit will be held April 21-24, 2022, with the registration deadline of April 4, 2022. For more information or to register, go to <https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>. Virtual attendance options are available as well.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... 4-H programs and activities are subject to the Kansas State University *Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment, and Procedure for Reviewing Complaints, Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) Chapter 3010*. All 4-H personnel, volunteers, and participants are required to fully understand and comply with this policy, in its entirety. It is essential that every Johnson County 4-H'er, family member, and volunteer read the policy in section 2.4: University Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Harassment, and Procedure for Reviewing Complaints in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Cold Hands, Warm Heart?

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Everybody's heard the idiom, "Cold hands, warm hearts," right? Where did it originate, and why is it such a popular saying? With a quick internet search it was obvious that the first culture to coin this phrase is still up for debate as the English, French, and Germans have all been credited with first using it. Regardless of its inception, spending a little bit of time outdoors recently has one thinking that whether the encased heart is warm or not, the exposed digits are in need of additional layers to stave off frostbite that could set in upon exposure, or after spending a few minutes outside. This is why the Prairie Moon 4-H members recently collected gloves and mittens for urban elementary school students who were in need of these finger warmers while awaiting the short-staffed bus company's drivers. So, the next time that you hear the phrase, "cold hands, warm heart" instead think about how we can warm up the hands so that no body part has to suffer from hypothermia.

Members of the Johnson County Astronomy Project attended a planetarium presentation on January 23 at the Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library at Wyandotte County Lake. Mrs. Lawrenz led the program and six 4-H'ers attended. During this "Winter Night Sky" StarLab Planetarium Program 4-H'ers learned about the stars, planets, and constellations in the winter night sky. Everyone who attended received a star chart and a handout made by Project Leader Nathan Anderson about astrophotography.

By Mary Timmons, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter



Back row (L to R): Nathan, Abby, Mr. Staten, Wyatt, Ellis, Mrs. Lawrenz
Front row (L to R): Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Staten, Vera, Esme, Mr. Lee

2022 Club Day "Wonderland"

By Emerson Eickholt, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers arrived in full force to Club Day 2022 at the Village on Antioch Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kan. Their preparation resulted in ribbons for 14 individual talks, demonstrations and solos as well as top blue in the Gavel Games and alternate top purple for their "Winter Wonderland Fashion Show (Gone a Bit Astray)," a skit featuring an original script written and performed by club members. Club president Iris summed up the day best: "It was a great day full of many triumphs for club members. The skit was a lot of fun!"

This month's joke is:

Q: Does February like March?

A: No, but April May.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Members of the Lucky Clover Club attended a plant science program at the Extension Office on the 5th. Ms. Ruth Ann Unruh led participants in making beautiful Valentines bouquets. Nine 4-H'ers and a few brave moms had lots of fun combining greenery, flowers, and patience and learned about oasis, plants, and arrangement. A big thanks to Master Gardener Ruth Ann Unruh and Dennis Patton, our County K-State Research and Extension Horticulture Agent, for making this program possible.

By Mary Timmons, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter



Happy Helpers Christmas Celebration

By Nate Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club held a Christmas Celebration at their meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The party began with a pizza dinner. Then Jack led the club in playing reindeer themed games with "snowballs". Everyone brought toppings, and the club enjoyed ice cream sundaes for dessert. The fun evening concluded with an ornament white elephant gift exchange. The club welcomed two new families and enjoyed spending time together as they celebrated a great year of 4-H.



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.

March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due, online
- 5 - Jr. Beef Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
 - Ks. 4-H Cloverbud Class registration deadline
- 3 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 7 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - Archery SPIN Club registration opens
- 14-25 - Ks. 4-H Cloverbud Class (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 17 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 19 - Jr. Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan (pre-registration required)
- 26 - Regional Club Day, Ottawa High School
 - Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Class (pre-registration required)
- 24 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Youth in Action Award Applications due
- 31 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - AgDiscovery Program Applications due

April

- 1-15 - Ks. 4-H Cloverbud Class (pre-registration required)
- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
 - Healthy Living Summit registration deadline
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - Evening tagging for Beef Project members **not** participating in Spring Show, JOCO Fairgrounds
 - Food Fare
- 9 - Morning tagging for Spring Beef Show participants, JOCO Fairgrounds
- 13 - YQCA in-person training, Extension office (pre-registration required)
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - KSU Insect Art Contest submission deadline
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 29 - Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project Forms due to Extension office

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, 2021 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 are missing 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 Cloverbuds 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.