



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Summer is a fun and busy time for 4-H'ers. As you work with your livestock and projects the next few weeks, make sure to enjoy the process, take a minute to reflect on what you are doing and why. The crucial step of reflection and application makes the 4-H experience an opportunity for growth and development. Please do not hesitate to ask questions and be involved as much as possible! **-Ami**

May 1 Deadlines

Enrollment Status and Adding/Dropping Projects

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and have an Active status in 4HOnline to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member's profile. This option will be available through May 1 and then after that the system will not allow any changes to be made to a 4-H member's projects. If you have questions please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Also posted on this webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse Identification Certificate. It must only be one page!

4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted. Three-year-old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and do not have to have been shown to re-nominate.

Ks Junior Livestock Show and Ks State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

New Requirement for 2019: Youth exhibiting at KJLS or the Kansas State Fair must also be YQCA certified. Please turn to page 2 to read the details about this requirement.

Fair Edition

YQCA Certification

Youth planning to exhibit in the 2019 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) must meet the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) requirement. Both state shows will require ALL exhibitors to be YQCA certified. This includes youth showing market animals, commercial females, and registered purebred breeding females. This certification is **not** required for the 2019 Johnson County Fair, but is recommended and will be required starting with the 2020 Johnson County Fair.

Certification can be done by taking a minimum one-hour in-person training or an online training. Both trainings are registered and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4HOnline. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

2019 Fair Book Updates

Here are some changes that were made to the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book this year so you can plan accordingly. There may be additional changes so please read the Fair Book carefully when it is released.

- **Livestock Rules** - Updated to allow for up to 3 market animals (cattle, swine, goats, and sheep).
- **Livestock Rules** - The following rule was added: "In order to show in showmanship, **exhibitor must own the animal he or she is showing** and the animal must be entered in a market or breeding class."
- **Livestock Rules** - Updated to specify that in order to be considered for best kept pen or stall, exhibitor must have his or her name on the pen or stall.
- **Project Auction** – A W-9 Tax ID form is only required if a project is sold for \$600 or more. Entry forms are due by 12 p.m. on Thursday and must be turned in at the Green Building.
- **Fashion Revue** – The Constructed Garment-Fiber Arts classes were removed. The date of Public Fashion Revue has been moved to the Wednesday evening a week before fair.
- **Rate of Gain** – Removed from all livestock.

Food Stand Assistant Position Available

The Johnson County 4-H Council is in need of help during the fair in the form of a second Food Stand Assistant. This position will be responsible for assisting in the operation of the 4-H Council food stands in conjunction with another Food Stand Assistant and under the direction of the Food Stand Supervisor. They will help ensure food stand operations meet all federal and state requirements. The applicant must be 18 years of age or older and be available to work up to 50 hours as necessary from July 27, 2019 to August 4, 2019 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Compensation for this position is a \$500 stipend for all services rendered, issued on a 1099 basis. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to joco4h@gmail.com by Friday, May 17, 2019.

Fair Edition

2019 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

The electronic version of the 2019 Johnson County Fair Book will be available to view at www.jocokansasfair.com.

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 24. 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 24. 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 24 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.**

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system typically opens around June 1 and is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at www.jocokansasfair.com.

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 an 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 should 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, 2019) are eligible to apply. More 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. The application will be posted soon. Applications will be due and interviews held in July.

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available 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, or they can be picked up at the Extension office. **Please use the Food Preservation labels that were updated in 2018 for your entries.**

Clothing labels can be made by typing, or printing in ink, on a 3" x 5" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age and Level. Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Departmental Forms

Some departments such as Energy Management, Fashion Revue, and SpaceTech, require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted on the Johnson County Fair page on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

Fair Edition

Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for 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. (Do not seal the photo in the sleeve.) 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 29.

As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure your entry is food safe and eligible for judging by keeping 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 allowed so long as all ingredients have been baked. So, no fresh fruit sitting on top, please.
- Be sure to include a recipe and the recipe's source for all of your entries.

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 is a food safety issue.

Project Check-in

Projects will be checked in on Monday, July 29, 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, July 30 from 10 a.m.-12 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 10 minute time slot. A link to sign up for a time slot is posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. The sign-up will close at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30. 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 4.

Fair Edition

4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during Fair. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration and provide transportation and scholarships for state events such as Discovery Days and 4-H Camp. The Food Stand Committee is working diligently to plan new menu items and new hours to revamp the Food Stand this year!

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 will have a new shirt this year requiring the purchase of new shirts for the 2019 fair. The cost is \$9 per shirt. Please place your order with your club leader by your club's deadline. ******Club leaders, please see the Leader section on page 16 for details on how to place your club's order.******

Livestock and Project Auctions

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 or Project Auction.

Project Auction: Project auction entry forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday in the Green Building. No late entries will be accepted. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

State Fair Entries

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. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2019. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the Fair Office from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, August 9. **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. These projects have a separate entry process.

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 4. 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.

Local Opportunities

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a New Family Orientation on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for parents of all first and second year 4-H members. Topics to be discussed will focus on the upcoming fair and there will be time to answer questions. To register please complete the information at <https://goo.gl/forms/Xu17y9iUPyfgMEMf2>. Registration is required by Sunday, April 28. We must have a minimum number of families registered to hold the orientation.

Fantastic 4-H Camp Information

Fantastic 4-H Camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 7-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp will be June 17-20, 2019 and is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, Ks. Registration is now open and a link is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Registration closes May 1.

Camp Counselors Needed!!

If you are interested in being a counselor for Fantastic 4-H Camp the link to sign up is on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Adults and youth are needed as camp counselors. To be a counselor youth must be at least 15 years old. Male counselors are always greatly needed. All counselors must be Registered Volunteers (or become one before camp) and have a participation form on file.

Summer Workshop and SPIN Clubs

For more information, or to register for one of these opportunities, visit the Classes and Events webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events. Limited spots in each class.

4-H String Art Workshop - Join us for a String Art workshop from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, at the Extension office. There is a \$5 material fee and if you have a hammer and a needle-nose plier, please bring it with you. For an example of a string art project see Ami's article posted on our website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/agent-articles/string-art-d-i-y.html.

4-H Fishing SPIN Club - Do you enjoy fishing or want to learn how to fish?? Then register for the 4-H Fishing SPIN Club! For the first session on June 5 (from 5-7 p.m. at the Extension office) participants will practice fish identification, casting, knot tying, and more. The second session will be held on June 15 (from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.) for a fishing derby at a local lake. All equipment is provided.

4-H Mindstorms SPIN Club - Youth between the grades of 6-12 will learn how to program an EV3 robot and control motors and sensors to complete challenges. The 4-H Mindstorms SPIN Club will meet at the Olathe Teen Commons from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on June 6, 11 and 13. Registration will open on May 17.

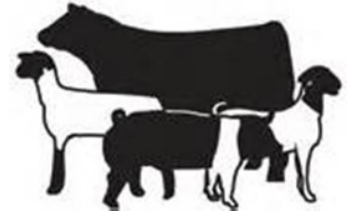
Johnson County 4-H Scholarship

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2019 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2019. Please also make sure that any Johnson County 4-H alumni from the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years are aware of this opportunity.

County Project Opportunities

2019 SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Flyers for each show with registration details and more information are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.



Spring Goat Show - June 1

The Spring Goat Show will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-8 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Goat project members not showing in the Spring Goat Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Sheep Show - June 1

The Spring Sheep Show will be held Saturday, June 1, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the goat show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 8-9 a.m. Saturday morning. 4-H Sheep project members not showing in the Spring Sheep Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Swine Show - June 2

The Spring Swine Show will be held Sunday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Swine project members not showing in the Spring Swine Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Spring Bucket Calf Show - June 2

The Spring Bucket Calf Show will be held Sunday, June 2, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, beginning 30 minutes after the conclusion of the swine show. Pre-registration is due by May 15. The entry fee is \$15 per head, then goes up to \$30 per head after May 15. Weigh-in will be from 7-9 a.m. Sunday morning. 4-H Bucket Calf project members not showing in the Spring Bucket Calf Show will be allowed to weigh their animals from 5-7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Livestock Ear Tag Information

Below are pictures of each specie's ear tag. This is the number you will use when registering for the county fair, Kansas State Fair and KJLS. Tip from a pro: Take a picture with your phone and you'll have it with you whenever you need it! **REMINDER:** Animals must be tagged on or before the date of their corresponding spring show to be able to show in the county fair.



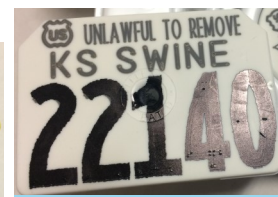
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GOAT



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SWINE

County Project Opportunities

Attention 4-H Shotgun Enthusiasts!

If you are currently enrolled in Johnson County 4-H, are enrolled in the Shooting Sports Shotgun Project, are a member of a Community Club, and are 4-H aged 12 or older, you are eligible to participate in the upcoming Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports' Shotgun Season. The first meeting will be at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, at Powder Creek Gun Club in Lenexa.

The meeting will be held in the clubhouse to go over firearms safety, technique, rules and regulations of the Gun Club and Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports. The completed mandatory 4-H participation form will also be collected then, along with an equipment fee of \$5 (plus \$10 General Fund fee if not yet paid this year).

Please bring the following equipment with you to **all** practices:

- Safety Glasses
- Ear protection
- A 20- or 12-gauge shotgun (All equipment will be checked prior to shooting.)
- Money for trap & skeet fees (\$6.50 per flight of 25).
- Shotgun Shells (must be new shells, NO RELOADS) no larger than 12 gauge. Maximum shot size of 7 ½ lead shot and a maximum shot charge of 1 1/8 oz. (Powder Creek Range Rules will be followed.) Shells are also available to purchase at Powder Creek.



Questions? Email: lisa@custompublications.com.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows this year. The first invitational show will be on June 15, starting at 8:30 a.m. Entries need to be sent in by June 1. There will be an invitational Rally-O and Agility only dog show on July 13 at 8:30 a.m. Entries for this show need to be sent in by July 1. Informational flyers are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. If you have questions, please contact Robin Tropansky at 913-620-9066.

Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show

An informational flyer and entry form for the Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html. The event will be held on Saturday, June 22 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Pre-registration is due by June 14. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.

Don't Miss Out on the 4-H Fashion Revue

Do you have a great outfit you are proud of and would like to show off? You can strut your stuff at the 4-H Fashion Revue this summer! The categories are Buymanship and Everything Under \$15. To enter the Fashion Revue, enroll in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1. You do not have to sew what you wear in Buymanship or Everything Under \$15! However, you must be enrolled in the Clothing and Textiles project by May 1 in 4HOnline, and enter in the appropriate class(es) in the 4-H Fashion Revue department by the 4-H fair entry deadline. You can find more information in the Johnson County 4-H Fair Book. Judging for the Fashion Revue is Saturday, July 20, 2019. The Public Fashion Revue is the evening of Wednesday, July 24. All 4-H'ers, gals and guys, are invited to come join the fun!

County Project Opportunities

Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes! At the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add "Public Presentation" to your fair entries this year! Blue and purple ribbons on Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations will be eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? Project Guides have been created with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers. 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.

Check Out These Other Countywide Projects That Are Available!

Make sure to visit the Johnson County 4-H Countywide Projects webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html for information on all the countywide projects available for Johnson County 4-H members! Additional countywide projects include Crochet, Knitting, Sewing and Dog Training. If you have any questions about countywide projects, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

State Opportunities

2019 Centennial Delegate Information - National 4-H Congress

The Kansas 4-H Centennial Delegates were added in 2002 when National 4-H celebrated 4-H's centennial year. Kansas 4-H has permitted each Extension Unit to send one at-large delegate to National 4-H Congress. These at-large positions are called Centennial Delegates. Cost for the Centennial delegate will be the full amount of approximately \$1,150.

To be eligible, delegates MUST:

- Have never before attended National 4-H Congress
- Be enrolled in Kansas 4-H
- Have a genuine desire to attend National 4-H Congress
- Be available to attend 2019 National 4-H Congress in its entirety from Nov. 29-Dec. 3
- Be at least 14 years old but not yet 19 years old before January 1, 2019
- Remain committed to attending 2019 National 4-H Congress once the trip is accepted
- Agree to follow the prescribed code of conduct, realizing failure to do so may result in the loss of privileges during the event and/or in the future

If you meet these qualifications and this opportunity sounds exciting to you, please let Christin know of your interest by May 7. One name will be randomly drawn and the winner will need to provide a non-refundable \$100 deposit for the trip by 5 p.m. on May 10, 2019.

State Opportunities

Grant Opportunities for Foster Children in 4-H

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H.

Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. Through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$5,000 in grant funds are available to support foster care families and the children in their care who are current or potential 4-H members. The grant application with instructions is available on the Kansas 4-H website on the 4-H Camping page under "Downloads" at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/county-camps/. Grant applications are due May 1.

Campference

Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

Registration and detailed information is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/. Registration closes May 15, but register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five years!

2019 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019 on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. The study material for years 2019 and 2020 is taken from KSRE Horticulture videos. This information is available on the Kansas 4-H website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/.

Contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring 4-H Rabbit Show will be June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 21-22 at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center.

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic will be June 28-29 in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 24-25 in Manhattan.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 12-13.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Comet Tech 4-H Club met Tuesday, March 19th for the monthly business meeting. It was followed by a STEM activity challenge. The members engineered a marble run with a challenge to keep the marble running as long as possible, keeping in mind the force of gravity pulling is down to the earth's center and using forces of air resistance, and friction to help slow down the marble. The club members divided into five teams and using recyclable materials including cardboard tubes, sandpaper, bubble wrap, water bottles and funnel type jugs to build their runs on cardboard walls.

One group planned before they built and focused on gradual descent to slow the marble. One group engineered pieces they would install on the cardboard wall that would slow the marble's fight against gravity, one group built and fixed problems as they built, one group made a streamline run with sandpaper using friction to slow the marble and giving it several twists and turns and the last group make long chutes for the marble to descend in. The members learned a lot about engineering through planning, design elements and failed designs and had a lot of fun in this activity!



The Johnson County Ambassadors recently attended K-State Open House. The Ambassadors had a booth along with the Bayer Science Matters teams. The Ambassadors' goal



was to get as many people as possible to sign up. Also to tell people about 4-H and how to get involved. It was successful and very fun! The Bayer Science Matters teams were those who went to D.C. They were there to teach people pet care and ways to improve the environment. Overall it was really fun and a great way to get people educated about 4-H.

By Ainsley Pecenka, 4-H Council Reporter

REPORTER'S CORNER

This past meeting in March we had fun doing a judging activity about college mascots. We also had Paisley present a dog poster about making dog treats. After Paisley presented we all went outside for recreation led by Emma. We all had lots of fun and laughs playing freeze dance. To wrap up the meeting everyone made cards for honor veterans. We all had a good time at our monthly meeting.

By Ann'adele Kozlowski, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

The Prairie Moon 4-H Club's April monthly meeting was an exchange meeting with the Sharon 4-H Club. Both clubs participated in a community service project which was to gather items for an Easter NICU basket for the Shawnee Mission NICU Unit.

Hannah Lies, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter



Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

Attention all club Reporters! Does your club have some exciting news or photos to share? Is there something you think the rest of the county should know that's happening in your club? Then we have an opportunity for you. The *Reporter's Corner* is a section within Clover Clips that features 4-H club Reporters' articles/pictures. We would like to ask you to limit the article to 200 words and it must be submitted to Christin by the Clover Clips submission deadline. Check the 4-H Calendar on the Johnson County 4-H website for each month's submission deadline.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Lucky Clovers in the Community

By Rebecca Sedgwick, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

Over the last couple of months, the Lucky Clover 4-H Club has participated in two activities in their community. The first was the Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade. Members got to walk or ride in a float, and got to pass out candy to spectators.



The second activity was making dog and cat toys to donate to the Great Plains ASPCA. They used recycled items such as old t-shirts and turned them into adorable pet toys. The club also collected other items for the shelter such as dog and cat food, paper towels, and wet wipes. Once the toys were made, they got to personally deliver them to the animals and take a tour of the facility.



The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club participated in the Overland Park, Parks & Rec Stream Clean-up event on Saturday, April 6th. The club collected twelve bags of debris from the Brittany Park stream access. By Miriam Haney, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

REPORTER'S CORNER

On the 11th we did a meeting with the Oxford Hustlers. It was long but full of fun. We started off by having everyone find a partner from the opposite club and remember their name and favorite flower. We then called roll and the opposite club member answered for their partner. It was then a long meeting full of minuets and projects. The Oxford Hustlers gave their presentations for the judging activities. Then Country Hearts kids gave their presentations about their judging activities. Olivia presented her activity about types of birds. And Teresa had a trifold set up that was all about Johnson County 4-H. And we wrapped up with recreation and some fun snacks!

By Ann'adele Kozlowski, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



The Blue Rivers Wranglers have been doing some community service lately. On April 6 our club volunteered in a trash cleanup. We teamed up with the kids that were involved in the Bayer Science Matters program. Their goal was to prevent water pollution. So they held a river cleanup. The event was very fun and went well. We got a lot of trash. It was an adventure and I would do it again! Our club also helped at the Masonic Lodge for a pancake feed.

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



May

- 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop projects
 - Market Beef Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
 - Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates, and Snaffle Bit Project forms due in the office
 - Discovery Days Scholarship Applications due
 - Fantastic 4-H Camp registration closes and payment due
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 7 - Centennial Delegate Nominations due
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Spring Goat, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calf pre-registrations due
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17 - Food Stand Assistant Applications due
 - Mindstorms SPIN Club registration opens
- 18 - String Art Workshop (registration required)
- 22 - Shotgun season meeting
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27 - Memorial Day, office closed
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 31 - Evening weigh-in for Goat, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calf project members **not** showing in the Spring Shows

June

- 1 - Spring Goat and Sheep Shows
 - Spring Rabbit Show
- 2 - Spring Swine and Bucket Calf Shows
- 3 - County Council Officers meeting
- 5 & 15 - Fishing SPIN Club (registration required)
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6, 11 & 13 - Mindstorms SPIN Club (registration required)
- 10 - Club orders for Livestock T-shirts due
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 - Jo. Co. Dog Club Invitational Dog Show
 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goat Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
- 17-20 - Fantastic 4-H Camp
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 22 - Tail Waggers Invitational Dog Show
- 27 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2019 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 2019 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 Enroll/Re-enroll before the May 1 Deadline!

Please double check with all your families to make sure they are enrolled or re-enrolled by the May 1 deadline. 4-H'ers must have an Active status in 4HOnline if they plan to participate in fair. If you need help running a report to check which families have a 4-H member that does not have an Active status in 4HOnline, please contact Christin. The website for 4HOnline is <http://ks.4honline.com> and enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. Also, if families are not Active in 4HOnline they are missing out on all correspondences from the Extension office.

Club Leader Resources Page

The Club Leader Resources page on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/locked-club-leader-resources/ is now password protected. Please email Amanda if you have lost the username and password that was emailed out.

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. For those leaders or volunteers that are already Registered Volunteers, the annual renewal was due October 1. If a volunteer has not yet completed their renewal, please have them do so as soon as possible. More information on the Volunteer Screening process is online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.

Adult Volunteer Screening Process - In light of recent changes made by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) regarding their background check process, the Kansas 4-H office will no longer require this background check as part of the Volunteer Screening Process. The online criminal background check is still a requirement, along with the volunteer application, interview, orientation and local board approval. If you have any questions about the Volunteer Screening Process, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

NEW!! The Screening Process for Youth Volunteers 17 years old and younger is as follows:

All youth volunteers, 17 & under, will undergo a screening process which includes:

- 1.) Application
- 2.) In-Person Interview with the Extension Office
- 3.) Orientation
- 4.) Submit 3 adult references for reference checks. References may not be family members.
 - a.) One reference from a 4-H affiliated adult (i.e. Community Club Leader, 4-H Alumni, or SPIN Club Leader)
 - b.) This replaces the Criminal Background Check that is required for adult volunteers. (Extension staff will follow-up with at least 2 references.)
- 5.) Board Approval

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 will have a new shirt this year which will require all 4-H livestock exhibitors to purchase shirts for the 2019 fair. The cost is \$9 per shirt. Johnson County 4-H clubs will need to complete and submit one order form for the entire club. The form is posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/locked-club-leader-resources/ and must be mailed, with proper payment, to Alyssa King at 32415 W. 95th Street, De Soto, KS 66018 by **June 10**. Orders will be available for pick-up by club leaders at the Johnson County Fair office on the July 20 and July 27 workdays.