

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Continue working on those 4-H projects and plan your summer activities because Camp and Fair are around the corner! Virtual learning has been tough but it has been extra hard for our newer families to make connections. As clubs transition back into more in-person activities, please spend some extra time re-introducing yourselves to our newer 4-H families and getting them acquainted with Johnson County 4-H. -Ami

April 30 & May 1 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 must update project information in 4-H Online. A link to instructions on how to make these changes is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. 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 and Horseless Horse Certificates are **due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30** because May 1 falls on a Saturday 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 was updated last year and this form (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 30** since May 1 falls on a Saturday this year. Along with the nomination form, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

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 K-State Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. ****NOTE: Please plan ahead as May 1 is a Saturday this year, so all forms will need to be signed no later than Friday, April 30.**

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KJLS & Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations *(continued from front page)*

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.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See below for more information about YQCA Certification.

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, 2021 in order to exhibit at the fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification.

How do I get certified? Certification can be done by taking a minimum one hour in-person training or an online training. Both types of trainings are registered for and paid for by going to www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. All registration and payment is handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) Please remember to print your YQCA certificate and bring it to the county fair.

In-person Training Dates - There will be an in-person training at the Extension office on April 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. Please register for this training by April 26. Due to a capacity limit of 20 youth, this training is only open to Johnson County 4-H'ers. Masks and social distancing will be required. Youth 7 years of age are required to have a parent/guardian present for the duration of the training. Each family is limited to one adult in attendance at the training.

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

2021 Livestock Tagging Procedures

To be eligible to show at the Johnson County Fair all market sheep, steers, market heifers, hogs and goats must be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID ear tag. This year, in order to process tags more quickly and reduce contact due to COVID-19, **all families** with livestock which need to be tagged must purchase their tags **prior** to the day of tagging. Please complete the **2021 Livestock Tag Order Form** at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html to order and pay for your family's tags. If you have any questions about this process or tagging in general, do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Although the Johnson County Spring Shows are not hosted by 4-H this year, the Extension office has been invited to tag 4-H livestock at the events and tagging will occur on the following dates:

May 21 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only

May 22 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only

May 23 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only

(**The tagging deadline has passed for beef project members. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.**)

Fair Edition

2021 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book Updates

Following are updates to the 2021 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

Horses: “Exhibitors will be required to stall their horse or horses in the horse barn for the duration of the fair.”

Meat Goat-Wether: “Wethers are suggested to arrive without horns. If horned, the horns must be tipped and rounded. Tipping and removal of horns is NOT allowed on the fairgrounds and must be done prior to arrival.”

Poultry, Pigeons & Doves: “Poultry, Pigeons and Dove entries will be checked in on Tuesday, 8am-11am.”

YQCA: 7-year-olds are exempt from becoming certified in order to exhibit beef, sheep, goats and/or swine at the Johnson County Fair. (**Note:** 7-year-olds must still be certified in order to exhibit at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.)

Livestock Judging Contest: The Livestock Judging Contest has been changed to a Livestock Skillathon event.

Kansas State Fair and State Livestock Shows Updates

The Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbooks are now available at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/. Here are some of the new updates for 2021:

- There are no fair premiums this year, except possibly for sponsored livestock shows. However, all exhibitors will be eligible to receive two entry tickets to the KSF.
- Two new departments were added: 4-H STEM-Ag Mechanics and 4-H STEM-Architectural Block Construction.
- Visual Arts entries will now be judged at the KSF and emphasis is placed on original designs. (Top exhibits at the Johnson County Fair will have priority for submission.)
- Updates have been made to the Poultry Judging Contest.
- A breeding doe show has been added to the KSF Grand Drive and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.
- Kansas Junior Livestock Show will be adding a Berkshire division to swine.

New 4-H Departments at the Johnson County Fair

Two new departments were added to the 4-H STEM division at the Kansas State Fair this year, therefore the Extension office has decided to allow entries corresponding to these two departments in the 4-H division of the Johnson County Fair. (**Note:** Public display of entries may be limited this year at the county fair.) The new departments are Ag Mechanics and Architectural Block Construction (ABC). A short description of each is below and more information, including how to enter exhibits for the county fair, is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

STEM-Ag Mechanics—The project is starting with an emphasis on welding and smithing, it will expand as the project area grows. This project allows youth to explore areas of ag mechanics and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing items to the fabrication of new items. The intent is for this program to start with foundational areas, some of which youth may already have, and allow them to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced. 4-H’ers must be enrolled in the STEM–Ag Mechanics project.

STEM-Architectural Block Construction—The project is starting with an emphasis on using architectural blocks (“Legos”) to construct dioramas. This project allows youth to explore architectural design in a three dimensional space. The intent is for this program to start with foundational ideas of architecture, some of which youth may already have, and allow youth to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced. 4-H’ers must be enrolled in the STEM–Architectural Block Construction project.

Fair Edition

2021 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

An electronic version of the 2021 Johnson County Fair Book will soon be available to view at www.jocokansasfair.com. There will not be a hard copy version printed this year.

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 21. 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 21. 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 21 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

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.

All entries including livestock must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.

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 (before January 1, 2021) 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 is also posted on this website and is due July 1. Interviews will be held on a weekday evening 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.

Clothing labels can be made by 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 will be posted when available 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. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. ***New this year*** You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase. Photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photo(s) to the fairgrounds for judging. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up at the Extension office and they are also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print at home.

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

Due to the community being in transition-mode with COVID-19 protocols, the location for 4-H Foods Judging is not set yet. Extension staff and the superintendents are working on finding the safest setup to hold conference judging. Families will be notified as soon as details are confirmed.

As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure to check out the "4-H Foods Entry Tips for Fair" document posted on Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

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.

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

Project Check-in and Judging

Similar to last year, families will sign-up for static project check-in and conference judging slots online by departments. The schedule has not been finalized yet, however please allow time from Sunday, July 25 through Tuesday, July 27 for project check-in and conference judging. If your family will not be available on the date of judging or would prefer not to participate in in-person judging, there will be a curbside drop-off time on Sunday, July 25.

Entries for departments judged before fair will have a separate judging schedule. Families enrolled in the corresponding projects in 4-H Online will receive information detailing judging for these departments. 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 27. 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 are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at a later date. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=399.

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 on your club's assigned day. 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!

Food Stand Help Wanted

A responsible and organized adult volunteer (18+) is needed to serve as a 4-H Food Stand Assistant 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 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.

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 that is navy with red and white detail and incorporates the theme "Heroes Unite." This requires the purchase of new shirts for the 2021 fair. The cost is \$10 per shirt. Please send payment and size needed to Allyssa King at 32415 W 95th St, De Soto, KS 66018. Make checks out to Johnson County Fair Assn. Shirt sizes for youth are small, medium and large. Adult sizes are small, medium, large, XL, XXL. The Fair Association will be ordering very few extra shirts, so if you need one please have your order in by June 1, 2021.

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 and Project Auction.

Livestock Auction: In order to sell their livestock, exhibitors must turn in auction forms and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form by 4 p.m. on Tuesday (with the exception of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion in each species).

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, 2021. 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, July 29 and Friday, July 30. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, August 6. **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.

Fair Edition

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 1. This year, all static exhibits will be released by club at a predetermined time. The schedule will be published as soon as it has been finalized. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make prior arrangements with another 4-H family to pick up their entries on Sunday morning.** 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.

Premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that all 4-H exhibitors and their families help with fair clean-up. Requested corrections to premium checks must be submitted to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. on Sunday.

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 1 at the Extension office. Every year at this meeting they invite Johnson County 4-H'ers to share 1-2 of their projects with the group. There are presentation time slots available from 12:45-2:15 p.m. that day. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA8AD28A0F49-4hpresentations.

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 2021 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/, under County/State Opportunities. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021. 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.

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/4-h-library/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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Western Kansas Geology Field Trip will be June 12 in the Smoky Hills.

Southeast Kansas Geology Field Trip will be June 19.

Central Kansas Geology Field Trip will be June 26.

48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge will be October 9-10.

County Project Opportunities

***NEW* Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers**

In an effort to make hands-on, quality, educational resources available to your program and club, we are introducing 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 Ami with any questions.

Countywide Livestock Program

We are partnering with Douglas County and Twin Creeks District to offer a learning opportunity for those in our county interested in the Swine Project. The **Swine Across Kansas Series** is virtual sessions aimed to educate families and 4-H'ers about the swine project and help them become more knowledgeable about the swine industry. This program is FREE and OPEN TO ALL!

The next session "Quality Matters" will be on May 10, at 6:30 p.m. By attending the "Quality Matters" session participants can expect to receive information on basic swine health, disease prevention, skin and hair management and daily care practices from leading experts in the swine industry. Register for the session by May 6 at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KTQdZK1nrHo9Bs. A Zoom link will be sent a few days prior to the event.

Livestock Grant and Mentor Program

Are you a current 4-H livestock project member who could use some additional funding to purchase your animal OR are you a 4-H'er with a desire to participate in a livestock project however unsure of how to afford to purchase an animal or where to start? The Johnson County Livestock Association is providing youth an opportunity to apply for funds to raise 4-H livestock through a Grant and Mentor Program. Grant winners will be teamed up with a Mentor who will assist Grant winners to learn the project. The Grant funding can be used for purchases of 2022 livestock projects. The Mentor funding will be paid to the recipient upon completion of the mentorship experience.

The Grant Program will be awarded to 4-H members planning to enroll (for the 2022 4-H year) in the following projects and values: \$1,100 to a 4-H'er enrolled in the beef project and \$300 to a 4-H'ers enrolled in each of the sheep, swine, and goat projects. Experienced 4-H'ers who apply for the Mentor Program could earn \$500 for the beef project and \$300 for 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 June 1, 2021. Applications will be available at the Extension office and online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/johnson-county-livestock-association.html.

Countywide Sewing Project Meetings

Meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project are held at the Extension office on Thursdays and start at 6:30 p.m. COVID-19 mitigation strategies are in place. Meetings are open to new sewers, youth that have sewn previously and even experienced sewers with great skills! Youth will learn all the basics, brush up current skills and get ready for the fair. If you have questions contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Knitting Project

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Dog Shows

The Johnson County 4-H Dog Club will be hosting two invitational dog shows in 2021. The first invitational show will be on June 12, starting at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration and 4-H dog show immunization records are due by June 1. Walk-ins will be taken the day of the show at an increased entry fee. There will be an invitational Rally-Obedience and Agility only dog show on July 10 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration and 4-H dog show immunization records are due by June 30. An informational flyer for each show is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. For additional information, please call or text Shelley Goebel at 913-634-8688.

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 19 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Pre-registration is due by June 12. Also, walk in entries are welcomed.



Kansas 4-H Projects Resource

4-H Clover Classroom is an online classroom to help youth explore 4-H projects and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the different project areas within Kansas 4-H. The online activities have been developed for different skill levels. So, for example, even if you've never done photography before, the lesson will give you some things to get you started in photography. Some of the initial activities include getting to know your camera; learning about pollinators in the garden; and knowing the differences between quick bread and yeast bread. The lessons that are currently available are based on the most popular 4-H projects in past years, according to enrollment and more activities will be routinely added in the future. The online materials are free and if printed materials are preferred there is a small fee for those. The classroom is located on the Kansas 4-H website at Kansas4-H.org under the Resources tab.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... If a 4-H project is sold, on the date of the transaction the 4-H youth has given up the right to exhibit that specific animal or product in the future. For more information, see section 10.6: Sale of 4-H Exhibits/Projects in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html).

State Opportunities

4-H Discovery Days

For 2021, Discovery Days will be held virtually June 1-4. This event is for youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021. Objectives for Discovery Days (just to name a few) include: Sessions organized into content related tracks; College and Career Readiness skill development; In-depth training through educational sessions from content and youth development experts; Learn new ideas, techniques, and skills youth can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.

The registration cost for this year is \$35. For more details about this year's event and to access the registration link, visit the Kansas 4-H Discovery Days website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/.

Summer STEAM Virtual Academy

The College of Education at K-State is offering a summer STEAM Virtual Academy that is open to any current fifth through eighth grader across the country. The academy will be offered Monday through Thursday, June 7-24, from 9 a.m. to noon CDT. The registration fee is \$75 for all three weeks. The topics are Wild, Weird and Wonderful Writing; M.U.S.I.C. (Music Using STEM is Cool); Sports Science; Stop Motion Animation; and Planet Podcast. All classes require each student to have an iPad or digital device. Register online through the link at <https://coe.ksu.edu/collaborations/summer-stem-institute/virtual.html>. Classes will fill up quickly and have limited space, so don't delay signing up!

Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 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 communicate with others.

Detailed information and the registration link can be found on the Kansas 4-H Campference website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/. The cost to attend this year is \$320 and registration is due by May 15. Please note that early registration is encouraged as space is limited and will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five in person years!

Fun with Food Science: Baking

Do you like to bake (and eat)? This camp is for the curious junior scientist who wants to know the how and why of food science through the world of baking. The crazy science behind food and the way we taste it will be explored. Through zoom interactions with KSU food professionals, participants will learn the secrets of making the perfect pizza and the yummiest desserts. The question: What makes bread taste so good and why does it rise? will also be answered.

This virtual four-day summer camp offered through K-State's Olathe campus is designed to support STEM-based knowledge in a fun and safe environment. Camps and content are designed for students entering sixth grade through students leaving eighth grade. Fun with Food Science will be held July 12-15, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. Register online at olathe.k-state.edu/academics/programs-k12/programs/summer-camps/.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers Gain Experience at Club Day

By George P. Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The Happy Helpers 4H Club participated in the Johnson County 4H Club Day that was held virtually in early 2021. Members of the club participated with twenty-one entries in a variety of events including: Demonstrations, Project Talks, Vocal Solos, Instrumental and Piano Solos, Oral Interpretations, Dance Solos and Novelty Acts. The club earned a total of twelve purple ribbons of which four were Alternate Top Purple placements in their categories, and three were Top Purple placements. Even though the members missed the live aspect of performance and speaking directly with the judges, they are grateful to have had an opportunity to participate in the event and receive written feedback. The club was excited about representing Johnson County at Regional Cub Day with virtual entries that were due in March and are looking forward to receiving that feedback as well.



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

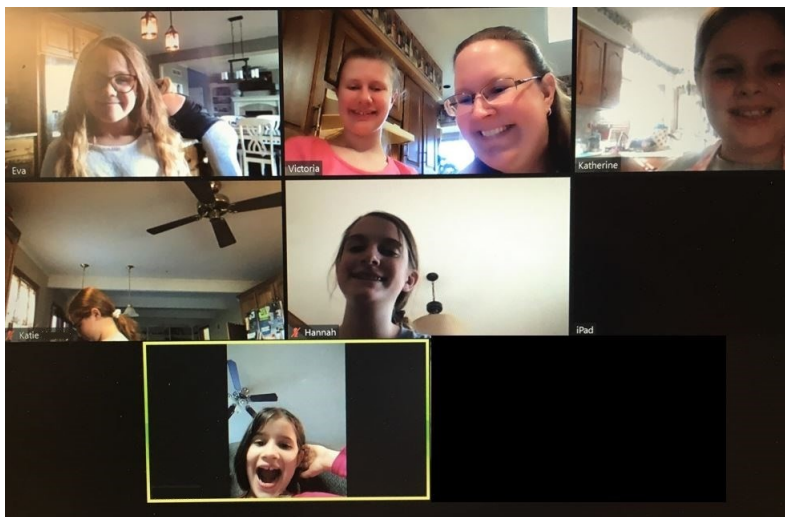
Project Meetings Require Creative Solutions

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, in-person meetings have been limited, so the Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club has found creative solutions to be able to meet and work on projects virtually. Most years, 4-Hers are invited to Peggy's house to make pottery pieces. This year, we were unable to meet as a group and make them together. She asked 4-Hers for their project plans and sent home all of the supplies needed to make the pieces. There has been a lot of going back and forth as we picked up supplies, dropped off the finished pieces to be fired, and picked up the fired pieces and glaze. Next, individuals will glaze the pieces at home, return the pieces to be fired again, and finally we will pick up the finished items. We are thankful to the volunteers who are continuing to help us create various projects.

Another project that has looked different is Foods and Nutrition. We have had different types of meetings to accommodate the virtual platform. At our most recent meeting, we did a cooking class. Each 4-Her was at home and followed along to make the recipes. We made taco soup and apple crisp. When we were finished, 4-Hers had made a meal for their families. It was fun to be able to do some cooking even though we had to adapt how we did it.

We have been able to continue learning and working on projects even though it has been done differently. Thank you to our volunteers who are always finding creative solutions to help us learn and grow.



May

- 1 - Deadline to Add or Drop projects
 - Market Beef Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
- 3 - County Council meeting, Zoom
- 21 - Evening Tagging for Bucket Calf, Goat, Sheep & Swine Project members, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 22 - Morning Tagging for Spring Goat & Sheep Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Deadline for Goat & Sheep Project animals to be tagged in order to show in 4-H division at JoCo Fair
- 23 - Morning Tagging for Spring Bucket Calf & Swine Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Deadline for Bucket Calf & Swine Project animals to be tagged in order to show in 4-H division at JoCo Fair
- 31 - Memorial Day, office closed

June

- 1 - Livestock Grant/Mentor applications due to Extension office
 - JoCo Fair Livestock T-shirt Orders due
- 12 - JoCo 4-H Dog Club Invitational Show, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 15 - YQCA Certification deadline for Johnson County Fair
 - Commercial Heifer, Meat Goat, Market Lamb/ Commercial Ewe and Market Swine/ Commercial Gilt Nominations due to Youth Livestock office
- 19 - Tail Waggers Invitational 4-H Dog Show, JoCo Fairgrounds

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2021 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 2021 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 of the club's families to make sure they are enrolled or re-enrolled by the May 1 deadline. 4-H'ers must be approved in 4-H Online if they plan to participate in the fair. Feel free to contact the Johnson County 4-H office for the most recent list of the club's members.

While the portion of 4-H Online for leaders to access is still being worked on, there is a limited amount of information that leaders are able to view at this time. This includes information relating to enrolled members in the club. If you would like to be granted access to the leader portion of 4-H Online and you are currently enrolled, contact Christin.

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.

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 current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2020-2021 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile is approved they may resume their volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 do not need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Club Leader Resource Page

Please take some time to look over 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/. If you are looking for something and can't find it, do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success

This training includes six videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience.

The training is set up so that it can be completed all at once or over time. The videos are available on the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Development's website at <http://bit.ly/4-HEZ>. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. First sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video volunteers are asked to reflect on something learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.