



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Lee Sigley has resigned from his position as the Johnson County 4-H Youth Development agent effective immediately. I am sorry we will have to go through another transition with our 4-H program. However, the Extension Council Board and I are committed to hiring an agent to support, grow and strengthen our 4-H program in Johnson County. In the meantime Christin and Amanda are here to continue on supporting the amazing 4-H programs. If there is anything I can do to help, I will, and if you have any questions please let me know. We appreciate your patience as we move through this transition.

Sincerely,
Tara Markley, Director

2018 Enrollment

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If you have any questions about enrollment or the program fee please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Ambassador Applications Due November 1!

Do you love 4-H? Do you love to meet new people? Then apply to be a 2018 Johnson County 4-H Ambassador! Ambassadors share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer.

The application and more information can be found on the Johnson County Ambassadors' website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 1.

Achievement Celebration Location Reminder

As a reminder to those families that RSVP'd to attend the Johnson County 4-H Achievement Celebration on Saturday, November 4, the event is being held at the Center of Grace in Olathe. The Center of Grace address is 520 S. Harrison, Olathe, KS 66061. The program will start at 2 p.m., please arrive early to check in. Refreshments will be available following the program.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project

Sewing is considered part of the STEM programs in 4-H and it is a lifelong skill! Are you interested in learning how to create something from a piece of material? Attend classes to learn how to sew many fun projects as a beginner or as an experienced sewer who wants to have a set time to sew and to have questions answered. All levels of experience are welcomed. Classes are held at the Extension office every Thursday until November 16 and then will start up again in January. For more information contact Martha Powell at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or at 913-302-5812.

Countywide Astronomy Project Meetings

Are you interested in space? Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered who, what, and where we are in the universe? If so, welcome to the new Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project! There are a number of fun and educational activities planned this year:



- May 12, 2018 or June 16, 2018 – Another trip to the Powell Observatory. (The schedule for Spring 2018 programs has not yet been released.)
- Late June, 2018 – Interested members will meet to create an Astronomy educational display or poster to showcase what they have learned.

Please contact Heather Anderson, Astronomy Project Leader, at handerson3@gmail.com if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project.

Registered Volunteer Renewal Process

For anyone that is a Registered Volunteer, renewals for the 2017-2018 year were due on October 1. If you need to complete yours please do so at your earliest convenience. The Volunteer Renewal can be completed online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/renewal.html. Also, many Registered Volunteers need to complete the background check this year as well. It is due December 31, 2017. If you need to complete the background check you would have received an email from Amanda.

***All club leaders and projects leaders need to become Registered Volunteers. Please complete the paperwork ASAP if you are a club leader or project leader. All the steps can be found at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/index.html>. If you have any questions about any part of the Volunteer process please contact Amanda.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Horse Panorama will be January 26-28 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification and Training will be January 26-28 in Wichita.

Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be February 23-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be March 24 in Weber Arena at Kansas State University.

Citizenship Washington Focus will be June 14-25. A road trip across the USA.

Local Opportunities

4-H Financial Audit

The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/leader-resources.html. Every club/ group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of TWO 4-H MEMBERS and TWO ADULT VOLUNTEERS. This information is due to the local Extension office November 1. If you have questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Fair Board News:

The annual general fair board association meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. Please join us for a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. The fair board will provide the meat, drinks, and paper products. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. The business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

We value your input and help! Please plan to attend to learn more about the 2018 Johnson County Fair. We have several volunteer opportunities in the following areas we need help with: ticket booth, livestock data entry, vendors, parking, open entries, PA system, and Grandpa's barn. Please consider how you can play a part in helping the Johnson County Fair be the best it can be!!

Sincerely,
Johnson County Fair Board

Family Board Games Night

Bring your family to play games and have fun together on Friday, November 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. Family bonding time is important to maintain close relationships among family members. One way to increase this time is through the use of Euro Board Games. A *Eurogame* or Euro-style game, is a class of *tabletop games* that generally have indirect *player* interaction and abstract physical components. Euro-style games emphasize strategy while downplaying luck and conflict. This activity creates a positive environment for relationships to grow. This is a **free** program to improve and foster communication among family members through board games.



County Council Elections and Information

Each club needs to have 2 youth and 2 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. starting on November 6. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting. The newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 4. If you have any questions please contact your Johnson County 4-H staff.

Local Opportunities

Place an Order for 4-H Grown T-shirts

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is selling 4-H Grown t-shirts. We will be placing a group order for Johnson County and covering the shipping cost. Please fill out the order form at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/docs/4-H-Apparel-Flyer-2017.pdf> and return, with your payment, to Amanda by **Monday, November 20**. If paying with a check, make the check out to Johnson County Extension Council. More information and a detailed picture can be found on the order form.



Submitting Articles to the Gardner News

Joan, at the Gardner News, wanted to let new officers know that they will gladly put 4-H news in the paper for free. They also need photos. Send articles and photos to Joan at joan@gardnernews.com.

State Opportunities

Scholarship Available for Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Johnson County Ambassadors have extended the deadline to apply for a scholarship to attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf). Applications are due November 1 and are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

KYLf is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2018 and will be held November 17-19, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Registration is available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> and closes November 1.

2018 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application for the 2018-2019 academic year is now posted at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. The scholarship list is anticipated to be posted in December of 2017. Youth who should be applying for this scholarship should be in their Senior year in High School OR OLDER (many scholarships are available to youth who are Freshman-Senior in Post-Secondary Education and some that are available to Vet Med Students). **Scholarship applications will be due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018.**

4-H License Plates Now in Production



The first official 4-H distinctive license plate is now in the production process. Once available, \$10 of every plate purchased will go to the county 4-H program where the plate was purchased.

Visit www.kansas4hfoundation.org/clovertag to show your support and ensure that you're the first to know when plates are available in your county treasurer's office.

REPORTER'S CORNER

On August 4th, Prairie Moon held their August meeting at the Johnson County fairgrounds. Quickly following the meeting, there was a project tour, when members could show off their projects from the fair. They talked about the projects they made and answered questions about them. They went through all the projects, from the animals and plants to the art projects and clothing. The fair is an excellent opportunity to show off things your good at doing and making, while making some extra pocket change too. The Johnson County community hopes to see you next year!



On August 4th, 2017, The Prairie Moon 4-H Club had three members who were awarded the 'President's Volunteer Service Award'. From left to right, Austin received a bronze, Madelyn received a gold, and Ryan got a bronze. Each member had more than 100 hours of community service. Great job, Prairie Moon!



On September 9th, 2017, the Prairie Moon 4-H Club attended the Old Settlers Parade. They decorated a float and actually used the float in the parade itself. A few members rode on the float, while the others watched or walked beside it. The Old Settlers Parade is a great experience, and you definitely don't want to miss next year's!

By Emma Buck-Stewart, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter



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It's that time of year again when the 4-H year ends and the new 4-H year begins! The JOCO fair is over, camps have been attended, project learning wraps up, record books have been completed and we start again. New club officers are nominated to their new leadership roles through elections at different clubs in the county in preparation for the 2017-18 year. In October, the 4-H program's yearly cycle begins and allows youth (ages 7-18) to learn leadership-how to run a meeting through officer roles, be a part of a committee, take or teach a 4-H project class, practice citizenship with their club, participate in club activities and learn from special speakers or demonstrations. The learning that goes on in 4-H does not stop at individual club events but also extends to county camps, activities and county projects. Interested in leadership at the county level? Get involved with County Council and run for an office or volunteer to help in a committee. The first meeting of the year is November 6th at 7pm. From there, 4-H Club members can look into state led leadership opportunities. Take advantage of the many opportunities offered to club members through each club, the county and state to make it the best 4-H year yet.

By Seth Gunkel, County Council Reporter

Lucky Clover 48 Hours of 4-H by Jamie Boggs, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter



The Lucky Clover's 48 Hours of 4-H project was doing cleanup at GracePoint church, where we hold our monthly meetings. First we picked up trash and washed windows. We had to use a stepstool for the shorter kids. We all found trash and threw it away. We picked up sticks and rocks out of the lawn as well. Some of the rocks were giant so we put them in the dumpster. We also trimmed the

bushes around the building sign to make it look nice. We had 15 4Hers participate as well as 1 little sister and 10 parents as well. We were happy to give back to the church and hope the church likes it.

In celebration of National 4-H Week, the Oxford Hustler's 4-H Club attended the Shawnee City Council Meeting on September 25, 2017 as Mayor Michelle Distler issued a proclamation for National 4-H Week. And volunteered on October 1, 2017 at the Lenexa United Methodist Church service at 9 a.m. The club handed out bulletins, led a song and talked briefly about the benefits of 4-H.

By Victoria Haney,
Oxford Hustlers 4-H
Club Reporter



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2017 State Visual Arts KAP Winner

Interview of Amelia by Maddie, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

4-H'er Amelia from the Lucky Clover 4-H Club was awarded the 2017 Kansas State Visual Arts KAP. Her KAP was chosen to go to Regional Judging by the Johnson County judges, then chosen by the Regional judges to go to State level competition. At each level, she was given comments and time to rewrite. As a KAP winner, Amelia was invited to make a presentation at the Friends of 4-H Foundation event at Rock Springs in July. I asked her some questions about her experience with KAP.

How did you decide to apply for the Visual Arts KAP?

Amelia: "I had seen people in my club receive awards at the county achievement banquet for KAPs. I thought it sounded interesting so I went to a session on KAPs at the Extension office, held the same night as Officer Training and the Project Fair. 4-H has been my life over the past few years, so while it did seem difficult, it didn't initially seem like that much more work than I typically put into 4-H. I focused my KAP on basketry."

What did you learn about the process?

Amelia: "KAPs are not something that one can decide to do at the last minute. It takes a lot of effort not only to do enough leadership and citizenship, but also to fill out all the paperwork associated with it."

What was the best part of winning the State KAP?

Amelia: "There were lots of good parts. I was able to do lots of interesting things for the KAP; I learned a lot of different things, but I think the best part was getting to attend the Emerald Circle Banquet."

What would you want to do differently?

Amelia: "I wanted to incorporate more aspects of Visual Arts. I mainly focused on basketry, and while I was able to make a glass project and a leather project, I was not able to do as many different things as I wanted to."

What would you like other 4-H'ers to know about the KAP process?

Amelia: "It's a very difficult and complex process, but it is totally worth it in the end. I spent countless hours working on my Visual Arts KAP. Even if I hadn't won anything, I still think it is one of the more valuable 4-H experiences I have had."

How long did the application take for you to complete?

Amelia: "I started planning the Fall of 2015. I "scheduled" events to match the KAP requirements. I spent hours teaching others how to make baskets and hours making baskets. I spent over 40 hours creating the actual KAP application."

What now?

Amelia: "I'm still working with visual arts and basketry, and I plan to until I graduate."



Amelia and Lee Sigley at Emerald Circle

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48 Hours of 4-H Community Service by Kairi Quinn, Sharon 4-H Club Reporter

The Sharon 4-H group took part in the 48 hours of 4-H Community Service on Saturday October 7th, 2017 by helping stock the emergency food pantry at My Father's House. My Father's House is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving those in need and offers shelter in Miami

County for women and their family. The 4-H members collected food items and accepted money donations from noon until 5pm at the Price Chopper in Spring Hill. A whopping 5 shopping carts full of food and almost \$600 in cash was collected by the group. A leader was able to deliver the collection on Monday and the staff and family at the shelter were very thankful.



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.

November

- 1 - Ambassador Applications due
- Club Financial Audits due
- KYLF Scholarship Applications due
- Current 4-H members reenroll by today
- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 3 - Family Board Games Night
- 4 - Achievement Celebration
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Veterans' Day (observed), office closed
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - 4-H Grown t-shirt orders due
- 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

December

- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
- 25 - Christmas Day, office closed
- 31 - Volunteer Background Checks due

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2018 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 2018 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

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Club Leader Resource Page

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Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

This is a reminder that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club. Please help us to make sure everyone volunteering in your club has completed the necessary steps. We are also asking that all volunteers create profiles in 4HOnline so that you as a club leader can see the status of each of your volunteers. For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.