

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Our 4-H'ers make a pledge for better health, not only for themselves but for the club, community, country, and the world. We appreciate 4-H volunteers and families for holding strong to their pledge and making adjustments to keep everyone healthy during this disruptive year. We understand that programs are best when delivered face-to-face but I encourage you to sign up for the virtual state opportunities that might be more accessible than ever. Also, as we wrap up the 4-H year, please take a few minutes to thank those who have enhanced and/or supported your 4-H experience. 4-H is a community based program and we are stronger together. - **Ami**

Extension's COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

We must remain vigilant to keep safety of the participants, volunteers and public top priority during this COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that all participants do their part to minimize the risk by staying home if you are sick, wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance, and following all other health recommendations from the Johnson County Health Department. Please review the 4-H Meeting Guidelines at www.kansas4-h.org/docs/COVID-4H-Meeting-Guidelines.pdf.

Extension Engagement Survey-Please Compete

****Deadline extended**** We are interested in learning about your experience with Johnson County Extension and Johnson County 4-H. Please complete a quick 10-15 minute survey at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2ggFyzzrD5aZCJgN by September 8, 2020. The results of this survey will help us evaluate and improve our Extension programming as a whole. Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, and/or sold a project in one of the auctions. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs and the Johnson County Fair Board as well. The fair could not happen without all the amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

Science Matters Team Project Update

Submitted by Elizabeth Lang, Science Matters Team Member

The Science Matters Team sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and Johnson County 4-H has been busy throughout this year despite the changes we have all had to face with COVID-19. Our action plan is to reduce food waste in our community. An article about our team's work is coming out in the Johnson County Gazette on August 28. Check it out!

In June, #WatchYourWaste applied and received one of eight grants sponsored by National 4-H Council and Nutrien. With the funds, they put on a compost workshop at the fairgrounds Thursday, August 20 for 4-H families and are looking forward to assisting four 4-H families who are going to begin backyard composting! If you are interested in learning more about how a backyard compost project could result in nutrient rich soil next year for your lawn or garden, please contact our advisor, Nancy Bergdall, at bergdalldeals@gmail.com. #WatchYourWaste would like to work with you.



Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

Question: *What advice would you give a 7-year-old about having a successful 4-H career?*

Mr. 4-H, Jayden Brethour: A piece of advice that has been important for me is “Try anything, but don't try to do everything.” Let me explain. Coming from a large, busy family I have learned that you have to use your time very carefully. I would encourage new 4-H'ers to try anything that interests them, but to not overcommit yourself. If you overcommit and stress yourself too much, even though you may like the 4-H projects, you will often stop enjoying doing all of them. The number or extent of how much you do is dependent on your circumstances. Feel free to explore new projects, but be careful of trying to do too much.



Ms. 4-H, Kaylen Dawson: My advice for a seven-year-old to have a successful 4-H career is to go out of your comfort zone and try new things. Try every project and try to show animals, even if you do not know if you will like it. There are several families and individuals that you can reach out to for any help with an animal or a project. I was very fortunate that my mother and father had my sisters and me try most every project throughout my years in 4-H, and I would never take it back. I did some projects and showed some animals that I did not know if I was going to like but I ended up loving them and they were my favorite projects at the end of my time in 4-H. I would also recommend you go out and talk to other

4-H'ers. Some of my best memories are with my 4-H friends that I made at the county fair or through my club. Just be yourself and be open to trying new things!

County Project Opportunities

Shooting Sports Project: Air Pistol SPIN club

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory Air Pistol class. Join us to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on providing an introduction to the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets and other equipment will be provided, however participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2021).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in small bore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

Air Pistol SPIN will meet on the following evenings: October 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30–8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. Registration will open on September 8, 2020. The link to register will be posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events. Participants will be required to turn in a SPIN Enrollment Form and a Kansas 4-H Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

Local Opportunities

Prepare for End of Year Awards

1. All 4-H'ers should complete their **Record Book** (personal page, 4-H story, and permanent Record) to submit to their club leaders.
2. If you would like to apply for a **membership pin**, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader. Remember to review the "2019-2020 COVID Adjusted Membership Pin Requirements" document when completing the application.
3. **Officers** should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
 - a. 2019-2020 Special Adjustments: **Reporter's Book** requirement reduced to four articles. **Historian's Book** requirement reduced to minimum of 8 pages (16 pages for clubs with two historians)
 - b. Note: The **Treasurer's Book** requirement has been updated.
4. Finish your **Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)** for submission to the Extension office. Find all the resources at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2021 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H and meeting new people, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers 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 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Monday, November 2. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

State Opportunities

Apply for Two Leadership Roles

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council, as a Youth Leadership Council Representative or a National 4-H Council Delegate. This year the same application process will be used for both opportunities with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both roles.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 2021. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/national-regional-events/national-4-h-conference/.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Youth may also run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council Applicants must be ages 14 and 18 before January 1, 2021. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/.

Application Process

Applications and reference forms are due online before 11:59 p.m. CST on September 21, 2020. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email or upload that link or file by the above deadline. The signature page (both conference and council representative) and agreement page (conference only) must be postmarked by September 21, 2020, or emailed on or before September 21. This year the Council Elections will include the application process detailed above and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview by Zoom prior to KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election.

48 Hours of 4-H



Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 10-11, 2020. With COVID-19 we may have to be more creative this year, but there are still ways to serve! Clubs and groups should consult with Johnson County 4-H staff about their plans and ways to mitigate risk.

Check out the 484H website www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ for more information and to register your project. Also watch for a Kansas 4-H Facebook Event to win prizes and get excited about serving your community.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 7-18 at TSC stores and online.
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be virtual November 21 & 22.

REPORTER'S CORNER

4-H Club in Coronavirus Times

By Lily Ames, Frontier Family 4-H Club Reporter

The Frontier Family 4-H Club had their very first online meeting. Club President Hannah said, "We had pretty great attendance." The club met using Zoom, held its meeting, and even had recreation; a scavenger hunt. Members enjoyed the format. "We seemed more organized," said Vice President Kathryn, "We can see ourselves."

The Coronavirus has affected club members in many ways. "My archery SPIN club and sewing club was cancelled," said Joanna. "It's really a bummer," added Jacob who was looking forward to exchange meetings outside. A lot of activities are being cancelled but some can go on at home or online. "We do photography and crochet and those have not been affected," Kathryn said. Several club members are doing the Horseless Horse project together.

But nothing stops these 4-H'ers from having fun. Riding bikes, climbing trees, reading and playing music are all ways that club members said they were staying active.



Club members Lily and Hope participate in club and project zoom calls.

4-H Lake Day Pre-Fair Celebration

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

On Sunday, July 12, 2020 members of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club enjoyed a much-needed break from their upcoming Johnson County Fair preparations by relaxing together at a private lake in Wellsville. Members were able to swim from the multiple docks to an inflatable trampoline where many of them launched one another airborne. Others had fun cliff jumping into the 40' deep water. Club leaders, Justin Fiedler and Denise Woodard, even joined in on the excitement by catching large bass and crappie while fishing. Yet others couldn't resist the temptation to continue their last-minute fair preparations and spent the time collecting numerous bugs for their entomology projects or snapping photos for their photography entries. One thing adults and club members agreed upon, though, was that everybody had a wonderful time.



REPORTER'S CORNER

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club has been active even though we do not meet in person. The club has had 3 virtual Zoom meetings since COVID-19 started. The best part of the meetings is recreation. We go on virtual scavenger hunts. Our song leader also comes up with creative sing-a-longs which are fun to do together when we are apart.

Since the club can't get together for our service projects, we have done two things virtually in the last 2 months. In May, members worked in their homes to make dog toys and cat toys for Paws Up KC of Great Plains SPCA. An example of making them is some members took old T-shirts and twirled them and made fringe on the ends. Paws Up KC is a kid-powered philanthropy project benefiting animal agencies throughout Kansas City through donation drives, fundraisers and services. The Lucky Clovers, a service club, has donated to SPCA for many years. In order to get donations collected and delivered we partnered with this Paws Up program! Members also donated things like food and supplies.



In June the club made donations of food and diapers to Shawnee Community Services. This is an organization our club has traditionally supported with such things as gifts at Christmas time. We wanted to support this organization with food to give to people in need of it right now. Our service committee members have porch drop offs. We are planning a second round of donations because the need is high.



Members are now working on projects for the fair! The Lucky Clovers have even had some virtual project meetings to be ready for the fair. The latest one was Zoom Watercolor Art! The Lucky Clover 4-H Club is a great way to stay involved during this crazy time.

By Pax Bustamante, Lucky Clover 4-H Club

July 9th Country Hearts 4-H Meeting

By Olivia Davis, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter

Our 4-H meeting was at Due West Therapeutic Riding Center in Wyandotte County. Before our official meeting started, we received a tour of the stable where the horses stay and where indoor riding occurs. We learned about the horse riding equipment and the different riding methods. We then had a demonstration on the four speeds of a horse by our club member Annadele. After the demonstration we held our club meeting. Everyone did a show-and-tell of the many projects that they are submitting for the fair.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Prairie Moon 4-H Celebrates Recent Graduates

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Honoring our graduating seniors is a tradition that the members of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club take incredible pride in. 2020 is no different. This year our club had five graduating seniors: Aidan, Ashley, Tate, Madelyn, and Kohlton. While we weren't able to celebrate their momentous achievements in our traditional manner, by having a dinner in their honor at our grange building, we didn't let this stop us. Instead, we had yard signs made for each of them and we surprised them by placing their signs in their yards during what would have been their last week of their senior year. But the celebrations didn't end there. On July 13, 2020 we were able to abide by the local and state guidelines by holding our traditional senior celebration dinner in their honor with our tables six feet apart and members wearing masks at one of the larger buildings on the Gardner fairgrounds. The senior dinner was a successful celebration of our recent graduates, of whom we are very proud.



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

Many Projects for the Happy Helpers

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

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club was very thankful for the opportunity to showcase their many projects at the 2020 Johnson County Fair. Members expressed appreciation for the time and dedication that was put into making the opportunity possible especially this year with the all of the restrictions related to Covid-19. Speaking with a judge during consultation judging offers the opportunity to learn from constructive criticism and to ask questions to improve in the future. Vice President Cora stated, "It would have been so much easier for them to just cancel everything, but they really care about 4Hers and providing learning opportunities for us even when it means more work for them."

Members of the Happy Helpers 4-H Club entered 59 projects in the 2020 Johnson County Fair. Members earned 35 Purple Ribbons, 16 Blue Ribbons, 2 Red Ribbons, 4 White Ribbons, and a green Cloverbud Ribbon (2 projects). Fifteen different project areas were represented from Photography to Woodworking. The club brought home 7 Reserve Champions, 16 Champions, 3 Reserve Grand Champions (Clothing & Textiles Age 13 and Under, Entomology, and Fiber Arts), and 2 Grand Champions (Energy Management and Geospatial). The club was particularly proud that the Club Banner was chosen as the Champion Banner.

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club chose to host an outdoor Club Tour and 4-H Promotional Event on August 11, 2020. It was held in the parking lot at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Olathe where they normally meet. The club also invited the community as everyone was able to socially distance outside. Members presented their Fair projects and answered questions. Six families that were new to 4H attended and learned about the many project opportunities as well as things like record books and community service.



September

- 1 - Deadline to Complete Club Leader Survey
- 7 - Labor Day, office closed
- 8 - Air Pistol SPIN Club registration opens
 - County Council meeting (online)
 - Deadline to complete Extension Survey
- 21 - National 4-H Conference application due
 - Youth Leadership Council application due
- 30 - Virtual Club Leader Meeting

October

- 1 - New 4-H Year begins!
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week
 - 5 - County Council Officers meeting (online)
- 10-11 - 48 Hours of 4-H
- 13 - Record Book Judging

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2020 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 2020 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

Please Complete Club Leader Survey

The Kansas 4-H office is gathering data on the level of engagement of community 4-H clubs during the COVID-19 pandemic. This data will give an accurate depiction of what took place at the 4-H club level over the past 5 months. Feedback will help ensure that the tools and support club leaders need to offer families a rich and vibrant 4-H club experience, either virtually or in person, is provided.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete and should be completed **by only one 4-H club leader per club** so please work with co-leaders to determine who will complete the survey. We suggest that you have a copy of your club's attendance from the current 4-H program year when you complete the survey. The survey is located at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8H9KgWdyNvukJj7 and closes on September 1.

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Wednesday, September 30 from 6:30-8 p.m. on Zoom for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. Please have at least one club leader attend the meeting. Contact Ami with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting. The Zoom link will be emailed to leaders closer to the meeting date.

4HOnline System Closed Until October 1

The 4HOnline system is being upgraded for the new 4-H year, therefore it is not accessible to families until October 1, 2020. If you have new families joining your club before October 1, please ask them to contact Christin at the Extension office. As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to reach out to Johnson County 4-H staff.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 at the Extension office. Masks are required and physical distancing will be practiced. Masks will be provided if you need one, along with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

Club Leader Resources Page

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include:

Annual Financial Report - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Documents and information regarding the Annual Financial Review can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

Adjusted Club Seal Requirements - The Club Seal and Membership Pin Requirements have been adjusted due to COVID-19. As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2019-2020 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience. We trust that you, our Club Leaders, will make the best judgement in the interpretation of these requirements but we are always here for a discussion. Examples of activities/events that were modified include: virtual project tours conducted on Facebook or 4-H'ers delivering project talks using Zoom.

There are also new resources available to support 4-H clubs at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html.