

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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2023 Enrollment

4-H Online opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2023 4-H year. We asked that all returning 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2022. **If your family has not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** If not re-enrolled, your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2023 enrollments in 4-H Online will now be used.

The website for 4-H Online is <http://v2.4honline.com>. As a reminder, the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

It's the beginning of the year, what should I be doing?

- ⇒ Put the 4-H Calendar on your refrigerator. The calendar can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.
- ⇒ Make sure your enrollment in 4-H Online is complete and up to date. (<http://v2.4honline.com>)
- ⇒ Set goals. Review Membership Pin Applications and discuss Project goals.
- ⇒ Print a Permanent Record to add to monthly. (www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html)

Welcome 2023 4-H Council Officers

On Monday, November 7, the Johnson County 4-H County Council elected their new officers for the 2022-2023 year. The newly elected officers are President - Ann'adele (Country Hearts), Vice President - Emily (Country Hearts), Secretary - Lydia (Great Plains), Corresponding Secretary - Truman (Prairie Moon), Treasurer - Kristen (Blue River Wranglers), Reporter - Joshua (Great Plains), Historian - Mary (Lucky Clover), and Parliamentarian - George (Happy Helpers). These newly elected officers can't wait to start working to make a great 4-H year.

By Joshua Eflin, County Council Reporter

(Left to Right) Kristen, Truman, Mary, Joshua, Lydia, Ann'adele, and Emily (on the phone)
Not Pictured: George



County Project Opportunities

Leather Craft Class

Do you have an interest in Leather Craft (part of the Visual Arts Project) but don't have the know-how to get started? Our Leather Craft judge from the county fair, Randy Cornelius owner of Cornelius Saddlery, will be offering a four-part class this December to help you get started and create some projects ready for use as well as to take to fair. Randy has been working with leather most of his life and shows his work on an international level and competes against other leather-workers from across the globe.

This intro-level class is for 4-H'ers and non-4-H'ers. Participants will be working on carving and tooling a design on a leather coaster, then learning to dye and finish it with different techniques. There will also be a session on basket-weave tooling and a small project will be included. If extra time remains, participants may even make a belt from a side of leather.

The four-part class will be held every Thursday evening in December at his home in LaCygne, starting at 6 p.m.; December 1, 8, 15, and 22. The cost of the class is \$125 and he will supply all the tools, leather and other supplies. He asks that each student bring the following items: 1 small jar of rubber cement (can find at stores like Walmart), 2-#2 pencils or a mechanical pencil, 1 roll of ¾" wide blue painters tape, a 12" ruler, and a pair of scissors.

The class fee is due in advance. Check payments can be mailed to Randy or contact him about payment through PayPal. The class size is small and fills up fast so please RSVP. For questions or to sign-up, please contact Randy directly at 913-731-8301 or randycornelius512@gmail.com.

Countywide Knitting Project

Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. Classes start at 7 p.m. and are held at the Extension office. Upcoming meeting dates are December 2 and 16, and January 6 and 20. To be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements, contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com.

Entomology Project Class

Whether you are a novice or a seasoned veteran, you are welcome to join an entomology project meeting on Saturday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. at the Allen County Extension office in Iola. Bring three or four insects to pin and/or identify and pinning equipment. If you are enrolled in a Photo Notebook class, bring your camera (will be new to JoCo in 2023). If you are new to the project, come join the fun. Pinning boards will be available for new families. Packets of insect pins are \$6.50. Also, bring an insect quiz for a fun icebreaker activity! Pick an insect, research it, and write down four to five clues to share with the group. If you have any questions, please contact Vicky Wallace at vicky.wallace55@gmail.com or 620-804-9170.

Register for Training with the Tail Waggers 4-H Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2023 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023. Further details can be found at the link posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html under the Tail Waggers Dog Project heading.

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Green building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. Training sessions will be held weekly from January to June on Wednesdays for Showmanship and Obedience; and on Sundays for Agility. New Tail Waggers members must commit to attending Obedience training sessions from January 11 to April 5; as each week's lesson builds on prior training activities and are not conducive for part-time attendance. If you have questions, contact Donna Holloway at DonnaL.Holloway@yahoo.com or 913-433-6752.

County Project Opportunities

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2023 4-H year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 2, 2023. Training will be held on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The first meeting on January 9 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone and will be held on Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. A schedule and the registration form are posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. If you have questions you may reach out to Shelley Goebel at 913-634-8688 (call/text) or shelley.goebel@gmail.com OR Holly Nitz at 913-568-6266 (call/text) or hollynitz@comcast.net.

Countywide Sewing Project

All interested 4-H'ers are welcome at the countywide sewing classes! No experience is required. The group will start meeting again on January 5. Classes are held every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Extension office. If you have questions, please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

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, goats, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2023, in order to exhibit at the fair. Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 7 and older who will be exhibiting market or breeding animals in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to obtain certification. A copy of the YQCA certificate must be submitted during the nomination process.

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 <https://yqcaprogram.org>. All registrations and payments are handled through the YQCA website and must be done before attending either type of training. The online training is \$12 per youth and the in-person training is \$3 per youth. (If a family needs financial support, contact the Extension office.) Johnson County 4-H will hold three in-person trainings at the Extension office on Saturday, January 14, Saturday, March 4, and Saturday, May 13. All trainings begin at 11 a.m.

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



Advice from Ms. 4-H, Kylie Rogers

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

I would tell a 7 year old to try as many things as possible from the beginning and find your passion. Once you find what you really enjoy, put all of your effort into those projects and never settle for less than your dreams. Watch, learn and take advantage of every opportunity 4-H has to offer.

Local Opportunities

County Council Meeting and Committee Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representatives at 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the first Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. Elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m. starting December 5.

Actively participating in two Council Committees is one of the requirements for Council Reps to receive their pin. Descriptions of each of the Council Committees is posted on the 4-H Council website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. ****As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee.**** If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Rock Springs Summer Camps and Employment Opportunities

Ready, set, register! Summer Camp 2023 registration is now open! This includes half week, full week, Leaders in Training (LIT), and Counselors in Training (CIT) sessions. The early bird registration rate, with a 10% discount, ends on December 31, 2022. For more information, session dates and fees, visit www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/. Johnson County 4-H's unofficial camp session is the Traditional 4-H Camp, Session 1, June 4-7, 2023.

Rock Springs employee applications for summer 2023 are now open too! If you know someone who likes spending time outside and working with youth, Rock Springs Ranch may be a great fit. Approximately 60 staff are hired each summer in a variety of roles from counselor, activity specialist and leadership roles. For more information and job descriptions, visit www.rockspringsranch.org/employment/.

County Club Day

Cold weather keeping you indoors? Use this opportunity to plan and practice your presentations, musical pieces, and performances for the 2023 Club Day event. Johnson County 4-H Club Day is scheduled for February 11, 2023 at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. To help you prepare, check out the resources at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html and www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/communications.html. Registration information will be shared at a later date.

Johnson County Ambassador Advisor Position Opening

Johnson County 4-H is seeking an adult volunteer for the Ambassador Advisor position. The Ambassador Advisor facilitates the selection, training and leadership of 4-H Ambassadors and helps to promote 4-H and Extension youth programs in the county. This volunteer role should be a two-year term, might require 4-10 hours of work per month, and requires enthusiasm for 4-H youth, specifically teens. This person must also complete the Johnson County 4-H volunteer screening process. If you, or someone you know is interested (does not need to currently be involved in 4-H), please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at 913-715-7000 or joco4-h@jocogov.org.

Local Opportunities

Officer Training and Project Videos Available

If you weren't able to attend Officer Training in October, or would just like more tips about your officer position, visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view informational videos about many of the 4-H positions.

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

Wanted! Food Stand Manager

A responsible and organized adult is needed to serve as the 4-H Food Stand Manager for the 2023 Johnson County Fair. The 4-H Food Stand is the largest fundraiser for 4-H Council and helps to pay for County Club Day, Achievement Celebration, Style Revue, and much more. The position does come with a stipend. Please see the Position Description posted at <https://tinyurl.com/2a5cdrx2>. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office at joco4-h@jocogov.org.

State Opportunities

Master 4-H Volunteer Training Offered

After not being held for over 10 years, this training is brought back and sponsored by the Central Kansas Extension District and CKD Master 4-H Volunteer Team. You may be asking, what is a Master 4-H Volunteer? The Master 4-H Volunteer role is for 4-H leaders who are looking for a new role and/or want to step up their volunteer contributions to their 4-H program. Master 4-H Volunteers fulfill a role mutually determined with their local Extension Agent. This role could be many different things depending on the needs of the local 4-H program and the interests of the volunteer. Master 4-H Volunteers receive training to equip them to accept the agreed upon additional responsibilities in the local 4-H program. Master 4-H Volunteers do things that are important to the local program--things that increase the opportunities for youth in 4-H. Some example roles in the Central Kansas District include: working with the fair committee to recruit fair sponsors and order awards, working with the 4-H council finance and fundraising committee for all council fundraisers, district quiz bowl and judging contests, awards and recognition, 4-H promotion and recruitment, and the list goes on.

The Kansas Master 4-H Volunteer training will be December 2-3, 2022. It will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Friday, December 2 and conclude around supper time on Saturday, December 3. The training will be held on the Kansas State University, Salina Campus. Registration for this event is online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b3pHFRHCTeRxMG2 and is due Wednesday, November 30. The cost of the training is \$50, which includes meals, snacks, and materials. Payment will be taken online.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Horse Panorama will be January 28 at the K-State Salina campus.

4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball will be February 12 in Manhattan.

Ambassador Training will be February 24-25 at Rock Springs.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular will be June 16-17 in Manhattan.

State Opportunities

Dog Judge Training

The 2023 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Wichita at the Extension Center on January 27-29. Beginning the training on Friday evening allows participants to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience in one weekend. New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be recertified. This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be 16 or older to attend this training. New judges are always needed. If you are a parent or someone who wants to help 4-H youth with the dog project, please consider taking the training. Registrants should have knowledge of the 4-H Dog Program.

Registration will open in December at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/dog-leader/ and the deadline for registration is January 15, 2023. The cost for certification is \$95 and the cost to only observe is \$50.

Junior Swine and Meat Goat Producer Days

Registration is now open for Junior Swine Producer Day and Junior Meat Goat Producer Day held in Manhattan. The junior producer day events are one-day family educational programs to learn about the selection and management of swine and/or meat goat youth livestock projects, as well as a variety of aspects related to the animal science industry. Each day is dedicated to one specie. Online registration information is listed below. All attendees must register, which includes both youth and adults. You must register by the deadline to receive a t-shirt.

In addition to the junior producer day events, an instructor-led YQCA certification class will also be offered at the end of the day for each program. You will need to indicate if you plan to stay for this optional class during the registration process. Then, more specific details on registering for the appropriate course through the YQCA website will be communicated with only those who plan to stay and attend. You will need to complete an extra step to register through the YQCA platform and pay the additional \$3/child fee. The junior day registration is independent from the YQCA class and does not include that additional fee.

A session over the state livestock nomination process will also be hosted at the end of each junior producer day for those who are interested. It will be offered for parents concurrently with the YQCA class. So, the adults can come learn about the state nomination process, while the kids go earn their YQCA certification for the 2023 year!

Finally, there will potentially be an option for families who are participating in junior meat goat producer day to tour the K-State Sheep and Meat Goat Center before or after that event. If that is something that interests you, please watch your email for details as March 18 gets closer!

<u>K-State Junior Swine Producer Day</u>	<u>K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day</u>
Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023 Registration Deadline: February 15 Cost: \$20/person by February 15 (\$25/person after February 15) *Registration must be RECEIVED by February 15 to receive a t-shirt. *Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND	Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023 Registration Deadline: February 22 Cost: \$20/person by February 22 (\$25/person after February 22) *Registration must be RECEIVED by February 22 to receive a t-shirt. *Online Registration: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

REPORTER'S CORNER

Changing Lives

By Zamyra Stary, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

McDonald's vs the Ronald McDonald House: what's the difference? A big one. One is a fast food restaurant, while the other is a charity for people who have to go to a different city to get their child to a hospital. At their October meeting, 10/18/22, the Happy Helpers 4-H Club decided to help out the Ronald McDonald House by sending things like: toothbrushes, soap, makeup remover wipes, and shampoo. It was all Nate's idea. Nate has an urgency to help people who need it. "Our club did something like this for Ronald McDonald House when I was still a Cloverbud," he stated. "I thought it was fun and something that made a meaningful impact to help other families. I worked with one of the ladies at my church who advertised for donations of travel-size hygiene items. Then I made sure we had all the things we needed so that we could sort and pack them as a club." Nate is only eleven years old!

Thirty 2-gallon bags and a medium box were filled with the hygiene items. The whole club helped! It got done pretty quickly. Nate later shared, "My family delivered them to the Ronald McDonald House in Kansas City and the ladies were so excited to get so many donations. They said they were just talking about what they would do because their donation supplies had almost run out. It was really cool to be part of the excitement when we delivered them." The important thing you need to know is: it doesn't matter how old you are, you can change lives.



Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Emma Grove, Johnson County 4-H Horse Club Reporter

The JoCo 4-H Horse Club is planning to have a lot of things going on in the next couple months. Thanks Rhonda Martin for teaching us great ways to massage horses. The December meeting will be a white elephant gift exchange so bring a gift \$20 or under to the next meeting. We are also planning a Winter buckle series so be ready for that. There are study sessions for the horse panorama so we can be ready for the panorama in January. We are excited for the future, but not the cold. Stay warm!

REPORTER'S CORNER

Oxford Hustlers Excited for the New Year!

By Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, the Oxford Hustlers 4-H club had their officer installation ceremony. The outgoing 2nd Vice President, Victoria, led the installation. The officers received art supplies related to their role in the club. After the installation, the newly appointed officers carried out their new roles in the meeting. We're looking forward to a great year in 4-H!

Whilst starting the new year, members have also been celebrating their accomplishments of the past year at the county achievement and the club achievement ceremonies. Many members acquired pins and medals for their achievements of the past year. Three Oxford Hustlers members received project medallions for completing a project record. Many members received a membership pin for their years in 4-H. As well as many members getting pins, our club got a purple seal, a very big achievement. We celebrated at the banquet with food and fun games. We hope to have as much success this year as the past year.



Oxford Hustlers Officer Installation, 10/13/22

The Country Hearts 4-H club met on Thursday, November 10th for their regular monthly meeting. The holiday committee met prior to the meeting and planned the upcoming holiday party. Members will meet at Sar-Ko Park on December 20th at 6:30 pm to check out the lights followed by a bonfire and treats.

By Ramsey Denner, Country Hearts 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.

December

- 1 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 2 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 2-3 - Kansas Master 4-H Volunteer Training, Salina (pre-registration required)
- 3 - Entomology Class, Allen Co. Extension office
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 8 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 16 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 22 - Leather Craft class (pre-registration required)
- 26-30 - Christmas Holiday, office closed
- 31 - Rock Springs Camp Registration Discount ends

January

- 2 - New Year's Day observed, office closed
 - Tail Waggers Dog Training Registration Due
 - Dog Club Training Registration due
- 3 - County Council meeting
- 4 - Tail Waggers Orientation meeting, JoCo Fairgrounds (pre-registration required)
- 5 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 9 - Dog Club Orientation meeting, Zoom (pre-registration required)
- 12 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 14 - YQCA Training, Extension office (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Dog Judge Training Registration due
- 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
- 19 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 20 - Countywide Knitting Group
- 26 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 27-29 - Dog Judge Training, Wichita (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Horse Panorama, Salina (pre-registration required)

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2023 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 2023 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

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us **Tuesday, November 29** from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office 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 Jessica Lawrenz with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Adults providing supervision to youth at a 4-H program; making decisions on behalf of the 4-H program; having access to private data of 4-H members or volunteers; and/or handling funds as part of 4-H must complete the volunteer screening process, be accepted, and enrolled as a Kansas 4-H volunteer.

Volunteer applications and renewals are completed through 4-H Online. We asked that all returning volunteers complete their renewal by November 1, 2022. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2022-2023 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile has been approved they may resume their volunteer duties. If you have any questions please contact Christin Bartels.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Please take time to review the forms, links and resources available on the Leader Resources page at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. Resources include information about the Annual Financial Report, requirements for the Club Seal, and the link to complete the Club Organization Report.

There are also more resources available to support 4-H clubs on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

Families with Financial Difficulties

All youth in the community deserve to have the positive youth development experience offered in 4-H. If you have families facing financial challenges, preventing them from participating in a 4-H event, please contact the Extension office for support.