



# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

We wanted to give you an update on the 4-H/Youth Development Agent position. The position closes on February 2, and the plan is to schedule interviews for late February. So, hopefully, we will be welcoming a new agent in March!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Amanda, Christin, or Kelli. ~Thank you!

## Johnson County 4-H Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is Saturday, February 18, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. Club Day is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their acting, dancing, public speaking, demonstration, parliamentary procedure and musical skills. For those that registered by the January 25<sup>th</sup> deadline, sign-ups for a specific time slot will be open January 28-February 1. A link will be posted on the Club Day webpage at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html>. Club Day guidelines are also posted on this webpage.

## Regional 4-H Club Day

Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner. 4-H'ers receiving a top purple ribbon at County 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to represent Johnson County at Regional 4-H Club Day.

## FCS Judging at Club Day

FCS Judging will be offered during County 4-H Club Day again this year for both Intermediate and Senior age divisions. We will send out more details closer to Club Day. 4-H'ers with the top score will have the opportunity to compete in FCS judging at the Kansas State Fair.

## Club Day Food Stand

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring a food stand during County 4-H Club Day, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Ambassadors do a lot for Johnson County 4-H and the community by providing scholarships to state events, presenting to local 4-H clubs and being advocates for 4-H at a variety of local events. The food stand is their main fundraiser for the year to be able to offer all these great opportunities. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be offered, including: fruit, muffins, chili, hot dogs, pizza, chips, soda, crackers, baked goods, water, coffee and much more! Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

# County Project Opportunities

## Countywide Horse Project 2017 Meetings

The Foundation Horse Project Team serves all 4-H clubs and members in Johnson County. This is a countywide opportunity for those interested in learning more about the horse project. Any 4-H member interested in the horse project or becoming educated about horses is welcome to participate. This team does not take the place of your 4-H club and members still need to be active in a local 4-H club of their choice. The purpose of this team is to establish a solid foundation for horse education. The focus will be on educational activities including horse husbandry, safety, feeding, industry topics, and veterinary medicine. **Meetings for 2017 will be held on February 8, June 14, August 9, and October 11.** All meetings are held at the Johnson County Extension office and start at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to contact Valentine Williams at [horsedoc96@gmail.com](mailto:horsedoc96@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in joining or attending.

## Project Resource Pages

Do you have trouble knowing where to start with a project or want to know more about what a project entails? We have created, with the help of some Johnson County 4-H'ers, new Project Guides. Each guide has advice from a 4-H'er stating what they enjoy about the project as well as some things they have accomplished. It also includes a list of possible activities to do in the project, events, curriculum available, project opportunities and online resources. We currently have ten Project Guides on the website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html) with plans to have one for each project. Please look them over for ideas or to learn more about a project.

If you are an older 4-H'er (12+) we would love for you to share your advice for the guides we don't have completed yet. You would not be responsible for the other content on the guide just a couple paragraphs under "Advice from a 4-H'er". If you are interested please email Amanda and she can send you the guidelines.

## **Welcome Your 2017 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors!**

The Johnson County Ambassadors work together as a team to promote the 4-H program to 4-H members and to the local community. Through public presentations and the media, they share the 4-H story with others.



Back Row: Taylor, Hands of Hope; Alyssa, Stanley Buccaneers; Matthew, Sharon; Nicholas, Morning Glory.  
Front Row: Anthony, Comet Tech; Sophia, Stanley Buccaneers; Amelia, Lucky Clover; Zoe, Great Plains.  
Not Pictured: Maddie, Morning Glory; Liza, Morning Glory.

# Local Opportunities

## Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest

Willie and the Salad Bonanza is a contest open to elementary, middle and high school teams, along with other K-12 community organizations such as 4-H, scouts, FFA or other teams, interested in the scientific principles surrounding plant growth. The challenge is for teams of four individuals to grow the largest amount of Melody spinach, Lacinato kale and Black-Seeded Simpson lettuce in the same container using no more than five-gallons of growing medium over a 49-day time span and document this effort. The contest starts February 17, and pre-registration is required. Visit [olathe.k-state.edu/saladcontest](http://olathe.k-state.edu/saladcontest) to register or for more information about Willie and the Wacky Salad Bonanza Contest.

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## Has Your Family Completed Enrollment for 2017?

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members for the 2017 4-H year and for new families to enroll. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enroll by November 1, 2016. **If you have not reenrolled yet please do so immediately. Your family is missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office** as only the contact information from 2017 enrollments in 4HOnline is being used.

The Kansas 4-H office has made a step by step brochure for reenrolling which we have posted on our website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). We have also posted the Kansas 4-H brochure for enrolling for new families. Please read the brochure to assist your family in reenrolling, and here are a few tips to point out:

- \*\*Log in to your family's existing profile. **DO NOT** create a new family account!
- \*\*Most data will pre-populate from the 2016 year's data, but make sure you double check and edit items that may have changed from last year. Items like: Volunteer Status (Yes or No), Volunteer Type (i.e. Project Leader, Secretary, etc.), Club Name, Project changes, etc.
- \*\*The Participation Form is filled out as part of the enrollment process, therefore no hard copy form needs to be turned in to the office.
- \*\*If you are a Club Leader or Project Leader you will not be able to log in to your club/project until you have reenrolled and your enrollment has been accepted by our office and the Organizational Report for your club has been turned in to the Extension office.

As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

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## County Council Information

Each club needs to have two youth and two adults serve as the club's representative to 4-H County Council. The meetings occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of odd months at 7 p.m. County Council officers have meetings which occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the even months at 7 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Amanda.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Kansas 4-H SpaceTech & Cosmosphere Overnight Experience #2** will be Mar. 31-Apr. 1 in Hutchinson.

**Johnson County Spring Beef Show** will be April 22 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

**Discovery Days** will be May 30-June 2 in Manhattan.

**Johnson County Spring Goat & Sheep Shows** will be June 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds

**Johnson County Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Shows** will be June 4 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

**Fantastic 4-H Overnight Camp** will be June 14-17 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

**4-H Campference** will be held June 26-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

**Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes** will be August 19-20 in Manhattan.

**48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge** will be October 7-8.

# Kansas 4-H Project Updates

## **Age for Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports**

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program adheres to the National Shooting Sports Policies. The national policy regarding youth participation is stated as follows:

*"4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 8 years of age or older (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events are determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of states. 4-H Clovers (age 5-7) are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs as these are not age appropriate activities."*

Inappropriate activities include attending shooting sports meetings and practices. 4HOnline does not allow youth under age 8 to enroll in 4-H Shooting Sports.

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## **Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Committee**

Agents, volunteers, and youth with a passion for 4-H Shooting Sports are encouraged to complete applications to serve on the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports Committee (formally the 4-H Shooting Sport Action Team). Applications are available on the Kansas 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/shooting-sports/index.html>.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Committee guides the 4-H Shooting Sport program in cooperation with the State 4-H Office. Serving on the Committee is a great leadership opportunity for anyone interested in 4-H Shooting Sports. Adult terms are five years.

# Important Deadlines

## **Adding/Dropping Projects**

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

## **Horse Identification and Horseless Horse Certificates**

All Horse Identification Certificates and Horseless Horse Certificates are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on May 1. Appropriate forms can be found at <http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html>.

## **KJLS and KSF Market Beef Nominations**

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show and/or the Kansas State Fair need to have nominations to the Youth Livestock office by May 1.

Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).



# State Opportunities

## **Junior Swine and Meat Goat Producer Days Information**

The 2017 Kansas Junior Producer Days will be held in March at Kansas State University in Weber Arena. This year there will be a Junior Swine Producer Day and a Junior Meat Goat Producer Day. Each event will be a one-day educational opportunity for youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and other adults to increase their knowledge about youth livestock production and management, specific to these two species. All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register. The cost for each junior day will be \$15/person for those who register by the early deadline and \$20 for those who register after the deadline. Please note any registrations *received* after the early deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. There are two methods available for families to register: 1) complete the bottom portion of the flyer and mail it, along with payment, or 2) complete the online registration using the link at the bottom of the flyer (pay via credit card).

If registering using the online option, you may register up to five (5) individuals at a time. In order to add additional people, you will need to select “continue shopping” after completing the information for the first attendee. When everyone has been registered, select “check out” and submit payment. There are no refunds. The flyer for both events is posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

**Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day – Saturday, March 11, 2017**

Early Registration Due – February 22, 2017

**Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – Saturday, March 25, 2017**

Early Registration Due – March 3, 2017

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## **4-H Unmanned Aerial Systems Experience**

The Unmanned Aerial Systems Experience will begin Friday, March 31, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, April 1, at 4 p.m. Cost will be \$110 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$110 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS. (Bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items.) Program topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, a UAS flying challenge inside the Cosmosphere, an outside UAS demonstration (weather permitting), FAA regulations and compliance of registering private and commercial UAS's, guest speaker, UAS applications in agriculture, fixed and rotor wings UAS's, plus much more.

The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, and volunteer 4-H leaders. Register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Registration will close March 16.

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## **Apply to be a Discovery Days Floor Counselor**

Responsible, mature and dependable young adults are needed to serve as Floor Counselors for the 2017 Discovery Days. Floor Counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. They will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights as well as \$100. Floor Counselors should have been out of 4-H for at least one full year before applying. To fill out an application, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2017FloorCounselorApp>. Applications are due by April 1.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

## **Prairie Star 4H Gives Back** by Alli Butler, Prairie Star 4-H Club Reporter

On December 12th 2016, the Prairie Star 4H club held its monthly meeting at the fairgrounds. At a previous meeting, the club voted to join in on Gardner's mayor Christmas again this year. Everyone donated gifts to a less fortunate family. All in all, we donated gifts to three local kids for Christmas. Each member of the club brought a gift for a club gift exchange led by Melissa McGill. Everyone who participated in the gift exchange had a great time. The most popular items were chocolate truffles and a green ball. The club had lots of fun during the gift exchange as we followed a poem that gave instructions to follow on how the gifts were distributed and exchanged. After the gift exchange, everyone brought Christmas treats to share with the club. At the very end of the meeting everyone took a picture next to the gifts we donated to the three less fortunate kids. Everyone left the meeting with smiles on their faces. The clubs next meeting will be our January fun meeting. More details about the fun meeting will be announced.



Pictured from L-R. Back row: Morgan, Charli, Lauren, Brady, Elly, Kara, Bayleigh and Alli. Middle row: Maci, Kenzi, Nolan. Front Row: Mason, Lucas and Gavin

On January 13, the Junior Leaders of the Great Plains 4-H Club held a Speech 101 class for younger club members ages 7-12. Each Junior Leader took on the responsibility of creating a short presentation about a particular component of writing a speech. From picking a topic, to creating an outline and finally designing posters, younger members were taken from start to finish of the speech writing process. As a fun activity, younger members were given the opportunity to put into action what they learned by creating and presenting a short speech for their peers and parents. Topics ranged from 'How to Draw a Stick Man' to 'How to make S'mores'. What a fun way to refresh tips and tricks of speech writing for older members while getting the opportunity to pass on what they've learned to younger 4-H members!

By Zoe Nason, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter



## **Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!**

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

# REPORTER'S CORNER

**B**rynn represented the state of Kansas at the National Western Equine public speaking competition on January 7, 2017. She placed 7th in the nation with her speech: Horses - What Can Go Wrong and How to Prepare. The Kansas Equine Team placed 8th overall in the competition which included Horse Judging, Hippology, and Public Speaking.



**P**eyton and Madelyn competed and placed at Color Breed Congress this year.

## **Peyton's placings:**

- 3rd youth English showmanship
- Champion youth English equitation
- Reserve youth English pleasure
- 4th youth western showmanship
- 7th youth western horsemanship
- 7th champion of champions horsemanship



## **Madelyn's placings:**

- 8th youth walk-trot English equitation
- Reserve youth walk-trot flag race
- 3rd youth walk-trot pole race
- 4th youth walk-trot stake race
- Champion youth western showmanship
- Reserve youth walk-trot western horsemanship
- Champion youth walk-trot western pleasure
- Champion youth amateur walk-trot western pleasure



By Ava Mills, Johnson County Horse Club Reporter

**T**he monthly meeting of the Comet Tech 4-H club was held on January 17, 2017 at the Johnson County Extension Office. The Special Events committee met following the meeting and worked on decorations for the club's table for Food Fare. Comet Tech will have food samples and a booth that reflects "National Science and Technology Day", at the Fare. The table decorations include atoms and molecules, the smallest particles of matter. The food samples will stay with this theme and the club will have matter in the forms of liquid, solid and gas as demonstrations. The date of Food Fare is January 28, 2017, at the County Extension Office, 11811 S. Sunset Dr., Olathe, Kansas. Many 4-H clubs have been encouraged to participate with up to three food samples built around a holiday theme. Clubs will also have demonstrations that keep with their theme. It's from 10-11:15 a.m. followed by Master Food Volunteer's presentations in table setting, food preservation and baking. This event is free and welcomes the public interested in 4-H, however, we request you bring food items to donate to City Union Mission.

By Seth Gunkel, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter





## February

- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4 - Jo. Co. Extension Education Found. dinner
- 6 - County Council Officers meeting
- 8 - Countywide Horse Project meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - County 4-H Club Day
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group

## March

- 2 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 25 - Regional 4-H Club Day
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2017 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend please check the 2016 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://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](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).

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# Leader Update

## **Community Club Leader Meetings**

These meetings are where important information is shared and feedback can be heard. Please have at least one leader present at these meetings. All meetings are at the Extension office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you have a conflict on these dates please contact Amanda.

Upcoming meetings: April 25

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As always, if you have any questions about the 4HOnline system do not hesitate to contact your 4-H staff.

## **Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers**

Remember that project leaders and volunteers must be Registered Volunteers in order to volunteer for your club.

There are three types of volunteers:

Direct Volunteer: A volunteer with authority to independently plan and conduct educational experiences for youth with adults present or in a public setting OR whose position puts them in close, ongoing, interaction with youth. (Examples: community or organizational leader, project leader, activity leader, judging team coach, camp counselor, event chaperone, exchange trip chaperone, countywide project leader, chauffeur for any 4-H activities, etc.)

**Direct Volunteers are required to complete the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Screening Process.**

Episodic Volunteer: A volunteer helping with a single "episode" or activity (usually with a Registered 4-H Volunteer present). Volunteers who are considered episodic volunteers serve as workshop presenters, judges, guest speakers, etc. **Episodic Volunteers are not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

Indirect Volunteer: A volunteer supporting 4-H events or activities but not working directly with youth. Volunteers who are considered indirect volunteers serve on committees or boards. Examples may include local 4-H Foundation Board members or PDC members who don't interact with youth. **This person is not required to complete the Volunteer Screening process.**

For more information on the Volunteer Screening process visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/).