



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

I can't believe it's been four months since enrollment opened for this year. I'm looking forward to seeing the 4-H'ers showcase their creativity through Food Fare and confidence and knowledge at Club Day. If you haven't participated in Citizenship in Action, I hear it's an amazing way to learn about the legislative process. Make sure you are reviewing Record Book requirements and get as involved as you can in these county and state events. To get the most out of the 4-H experience, make sure to get involved! **-Ami**

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, 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. The guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Registration has closed, but feel free to stop by that day and watch your fellow 4-H'ers show off their skills! Events start at 8:30 a.m.

Club Day Concessions — The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors will be sponsoring concessions 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. Selling concessions during Club Day 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, baked goods, soda, coffee and more! Please stop by with your family to enjoy some delicious food and support the Ambassadors!

NEW!! Horticulture Judging at Club Day — Make plans to participate in Horticulture Judging any time from 9-11 a.m. Horticulture (or plant science) Judging is a fun and interactive way to test your skills and knowledge about plants. The judging contest includes two parts. Plant identification, where there will be plant samples to view and you select your choice from a list of possibilities. As well as plant quality judging, where you get to be the fair judge! You will determine which specimens should be the purple, blue, red or white exhibit. Scores will be taken and prizes will be awarded for the top judges in each age group!

This judging opportunity is open to all 4-H'ers, not just plant science project members. So stop by and test your skills! Remember this judging contest can count towards your pin application requirements.

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FCS Judging at Club Day — FCS Judging for both Intermediate and Senior age divisions will be offered during County 4-H Club Day again this year. Teams of two 4-H'ers will draw a presentation topic, have time to prepare, and then present to a judge. A link to sign-up will be posted on the Club Day webpage for teams to choose a time beforehand and we will also post FCS Judging resources on the webpage.

Regional Club Day — Mark your calendars! Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 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.

Important Local Deadlines

Adding/Dropping Projects and Enrollment Status

The project add/drop deadline for new and returning 4-H'ers is May 1. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project by May 1 and have an Active status in 4HOnline to be eligible to exhibit in the corresponding project area at the Johnson County Fair. Project enrollment is an important component of the project experience. 4-H families can update this information any time in 4HOnline by simply editing the 4-H member'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 a 4-H member's 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 www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Also posted on this webpage is an example of a correctly filled out Horse Identification Certificate.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show and Kansas State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing their animals at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the Youth Livestock office. Market Beef nominations are due by May 1. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to the Kansas Livestock Nominations can be found at www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu.

New Requirement for 2019: YQCA Certification - For 2019 and going forward, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. Online training can be completed now at www.yqca.org. (Use 4HOnline email and password to log in.) Or, trainings led by instructors will be available this year during K-State's Junior Producer Days, Discovery Days, and there will also be two trainings in Johnson County. The Johnson County trainings are tentatively scheduled for March, so be on the lookout for more details to come.

*****YQCA certification is recommended for the 2019 Johnson County Fair. It will be required for the 2020 Johnson County Fair.*****

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2019

We asked that all current 4-H members re-enroll by November 1, 2018. **If you or your 4-H'er have not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family is missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2019 enrollments in 4HOnline is being used now. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

The \$15 program fee is paid at the time of enrollment within 4HOnline. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Enrollment guides for new and returning families are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office.

County Project Opportunities

Quilting Workshop Series

A series of quilting workshops presented by Olathe Quilters Guild and Johnson County Extension are a great opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn the art of quilting! The workshops will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Extension office. The first workshop of the series is on January 29, and will cover Hand Embroidery. Other class topics include Paper Piecing and Basic Quilting on Your Domestic Machine. Register for each class individually online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/ or call 913-715-7000.

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to participate in the following activity:

Telescope Building Workshop - David Young from the Astronomical Society of Kansas City will be leading a workshop on how telescopes work with an opportunity to build your own telescope for entering in the fair. We are so lucky to be able to partner with ASKC for this event!! Please RSVP to Heather if you are planning on coming to the program to ensure that there are enough supplies available.

Date: Sunday, April 14 **Time:** 2-4 p.m. (probably will finish earlier)

Location: Johnson County Extension Office

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the Johnson County 4-H Astronomy Project feel free to contact Heather at handerson3@gmail.com.

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, 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 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.

Local Opportunities

Fantastic 4-H Camp

This camp is a four day/three night camp experience for ALL youth ages 8-12. 4-H membership is not required. Campers will ride horses, go canoeing, hike the trails and jump in the pool. As well as sing songs by the campfire, make crafts and meet new friends. Camp is located at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS and is June 17-20. Registration links will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H Camps webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/camps.html. Registration will open in February.

State Opportunities

Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action (CIA) is for Kansas youth ages 13-18 (before January 1, 2019) to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their communities. Delegates will tour the State Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators, and discuss how youth can have a greater impact in their communities. For 2019, CIA will be held February 17-18. Sunday will feature time to work in committees to finesse legislation, time to debate the legislation as a larger body, and a dinner and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Monday is reserved for delegates to meet with their legislators. For more information and to register, click on the CIA link at www.kansas4-h.org/events/ now through February 1. Fees start at \$175.

2019 Kansas 4-H Dog Scholarship Details

The 2019 Keith Neuway and Jim Adams Kansas 4-H Dog Care and Training Project Scholarship is for dog members who have been in the Kansas 4-H Dog Project for three or more years and who are a high school senior or current college freshman. Applicants do not need to be current 4-H members if the other criteria is met. This 4-H scholarship is a one-time payment of \$500 that will be awarded on Saturday, September 14, 2019, during the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

A link to the 2019 application is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/dog.html. Applications must be received on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019. Late applications will not be accepted. Send the completed application to the Kansas State 4-H Office, ATTN: Neuway and Adams Dog Care and Training Scholarship Committee, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506-3404.

2019 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 17, 2019 on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan. The study material for years 2019 and 2020 is taken from KSRE Horticulture Videos. This information is available on the Kansas 4-H website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/.

Contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be March 9 at Kansas State University.

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be March 30 at Kansas State University.

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training will be April 4-7 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Johnson County Spring Beef Show will be April 20 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Discovery Days will be May 29-31 at Kansas State University.

Johnson County Spring Goat & Sheep Shows will be June 1 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Johnson County Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Shows will be June 2 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

4-H Campference will be June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Dr. Bob Hines Swine Classic will be June 28-29 in Manhattan.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 24-25 in Manhattan.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Lucky Clovers Spread Holiday Cheer

By Rebecca Sedgwick, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

On December 16, nine members and four parents of the Lucky Clover 4-H Club went to the Shawnee Civic Centre as part of Shawnee Community Service event and set up games and prizes for over five hundred guests! Club members ran various games with kids and gave out candy canes. 4-H'ers also donated over forty gifts. The Lucky Clovers have volunteered at this event for several years.



Happy Helpers Christmas Celebration Honors Leader

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

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club December meeting and Christmas celebration were held on Thursday, December 20th at Pizza Shoppe in Olathe, Kansas. Festivities included a vocal solo performance by 4-H member Dylan, Owen led the club in singing *The 4-H Twelve Days of Christmas*, and Claire led several rounds of the game Hot Potato. Three alumni 4-H members and their families were in attendance. Pizza, breadsticks and soda were enjoyed by all. After the meeting, the club honored our retiring leader, Marilyn Rogers, with a plaque for her 20 years of 4-H volunteer service.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Morning Glory 4-H Club Supports the Salvation Army during the Holiday Season

By Ally Rietcheck, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

Morning Glory members rang bells for the Salvation Army bell collection kettles at the Gardner Walmart on December 3, 2018, covering the shopping hours from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The members took turns ringing bells at both entrances of the store. The temperature was 27 degrees on December 3, making for a very chilly evening. This event has become a tradition for the Morning Glory members and they look forward to this community service to kick off the Christmas season. In addition to the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, the Morning Glory club voted to adopt a Salvation Army Family in need. The adopted family included three children ages 6 to 16. The club provided a \$50 gift card from Price Chopper for a Christmas Day Meal and the Morning Glory members met on a Saturday to shop together for gifts for each child. The club members enjoy giving back to the community during both of these events to help those in need.



In December Pioneer members went to De Soto's local nursing home, Hillside Village. We sang songs to the residents in both the assisted living and skilled nursing sides. There were also quite a few Pioneer members that showed off their talents. There were violin solos, piano solos, and poem readings. Before we left we handed out special handmade ornaments that some of the Pioneer members made, as well as little trinkets to help the residents have an amazing Christmas.

By Lilly Champlain, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter



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On Dec. 18th, following a short business meeting and awards ceremony, Comet Tech held their Christmas party. The Christmas party committee arranged a successful canned goods food drive to help Harvesters of KC. The club families provided an appetizer and cookie buffet and set up a hot chocolate and peppermint stick drink station for the members to enjoy. Team games provided the fun for the evening. The younger club members enjoyed



seeing their older members dressed as reindeer and they chose a reindeer team. The teams worked together to race each other in the timed event to get the most rings around their reindeer's antlers. The winning team got 5 rings! However, the game with a technology bent was the highlight of the evening! Many club members



learned how to use a catapult for the first time and test fired marshmallows (snowballs) across the room. Then four older club members came out dressed as snowmen, stood across from the table of fellow members and were only allowed to move their buckets to catch the



snowballs (marshmallows). It was fun watching the younger members plan how to get the most snowballs in the bucket and maneuver and lob them in the right direction with the right amount of force applied towards their snowman. The snowmen were entertaining as they stretched, bent, and leaned to

catch them (as well as any of the other team's snowballs) as they could while remaining fixed to their spot. The winning team engineered a strategy to lob several marshmallows at a time and increased their productivity at getting more marshmallows in their team bucket. It was a very fun time!

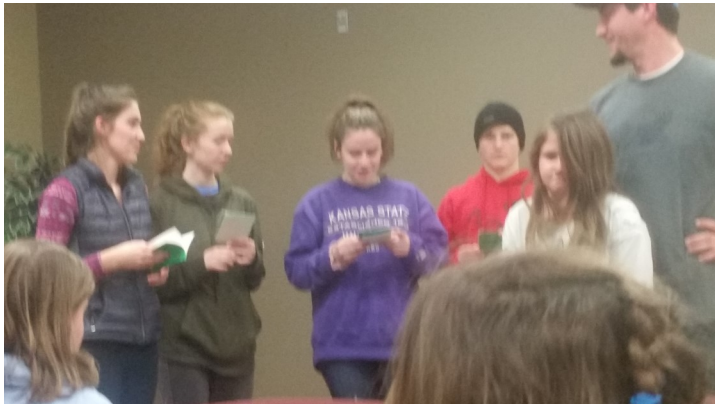
Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

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

Our January meeting was super awesome! We initiated 2 new members and a new cloverbud. Our new members are Lillian and Teresa, and our cloverbud is Kennedy. We also had fun with recreation where we sang Rotten to the Core from Descendants. We also talked about upcoming Food Fare. Last meeting was super fun!

By Ann'adele Kozlowski, Country Hearts 4-H Club Reporter



Citizenship Presentation at January Meeting

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

At the January meeting, the Happy Helpers 4-H Club learned about the flag of The United



States of America. Cameron organized a judging event and gave a presentation on How to Fold the Flag. The club learned about respecting the flag, different names for the different parts of the flag, and the proper way to fold it. At the same meeting, the club's Song Leader, Owen, led the club in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

February

- 1 - Deadline to register for Citizenship in Action
- 4 - County Council Officers meeting
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 9 - County Club Day
 - Jo. Co. Extension Education Foundation Dinner and Auction
- 10 - Deadline to register for Ambassador Training
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 17-18 - Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 22-23 - Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group

March

- 1 - Registration opens for Discovery Days
- 4 - County Council meeting
- 7 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 9 - Regional Club Day
- 14 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 26 - Quilting Workshop
- 28 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources for the 2019 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 2019 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

2019 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2019 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members re-enroll by November 1, 2018. Double check with families in your club to make sure that they have re-enrolled. If they have not, please ask them to re-enroll **immediately**. Families are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2019 enrollments in 4HOnline will be used now. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

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Update on Club Leader Resources Page

The Club Leader Resources page on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/locked-club-leader-resources/ is now password protected. You should have received an email from Amanda that included the username and password that is needed to access the webpage.

If you did not attend the club leader meeting back in September, Ami shared that she had created some great resources for club leaders. We discussed as a group that it would be best to put these resources on the website. Because some of the resources include personal contact information, etc., the page needed to become password protected. The Excel sheets that tell the status of your volunteers will also be posted on this page in the future. If you have any problems or questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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. For those leaders or volunteers that are already Registered Volunteers, the annual renewal was due October 1. If a volunteer has not yet completed their renewal, please have them do so as soon as possible. More information on the Volunteer Screening process is online at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers/.

Volunteer Screening Process Update - In light of recent changes made by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) regarding their background check process, the Kansas 4-H office will no longer require this background check as part of the Volunteer Screening Process. The online criminal background check is still a requirement, along with the volunteer application, interview, orientation and local board approval. If you have any questions about the Volunteer Screening Process, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.