

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to reflect and set goals to make the best better. Plan to participate in programs at the county and state levels this new year. Research a new project area with your 4-H'er to find a new interest. Become a registered volunteer and lead a project meeting. Whatever it may be, I hope 4-H helps your family explore new interests, develop friendships, and build character in your 4-H'ers. –Ami

Johnson County Club Day

Johnson County's 4-H Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 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. Registration and payment links and the guidelines are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/club-days.html. Please note that there are two different registration links. One is for individual, duo, etc. events and the other is for club events. Only one person in your club needs to sign the entire club up for club events. All events are required to be pre-registered online by January 15 in order to participate in Club Day. Once registration has closed, additional information will be sent out in regards to signing up for specific time slots.

Please Complete Re-enrollment Now for 2020

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **If you or your 4-H'er have not re-enrolled yet please do so immediately.** Your family will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from 2020 enrollments in 4HOnline will now be used. The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>.

As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be 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 staff.

NOTE: There is a known issue when some users try to pay the Kansas 4-H Program fee with a credit/debit card during enrollment in 4HOnline. If you are having trouble using a card, please contact Christin for help or choose the option to pay by check and mail it to the Kansas 4-H office. Sorry for any inconvenience.

County Project Opportunities

Meeting Dates for the Countywide Knitting Project

Looking for a relaxing, indoor 4-H project for the winter months? Learn the skills to begin knitting, or improve your knitting skills, by being part of the Countywide Knitting Project. The Countywide Knitting Project has meetings scheduled for January 10 and 24. Meetings take place at the Extension office in room 1070 from 7-8 p.m. If you plan to attend a meeting, please contact Sarah at skallansrud@yahoo.com in case there are any changes to the schedule.

NEW! Countywide Photography Project Meetings

The Countywide Photography Project group will be meeting at the Extension office on the following dates: January 20, February 17, March 16 and April 20. These meetings will be geared for beginning photographers. The January meeting will cover camera settings and composition. Meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 1075 at the Extension office. The meeting size is limited so please register to reserve your spot. A link to the registration page is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Countywide Projects webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html. Please contact Linda at lmendenhall@ftj.com with any questions.

Registration Open for Tail Waggers Dog Project

Johnson County 4-H Tail Waggers Dog Project is now accepting registrations for the 2020 training season. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 3, 2020. A mandatory orientation meeting for new Tail Waggers will be held on Wednesday, January 8. Obedience and Showmanship training sessions will be held on Wednesday nights (6:30-8:30 p.m.) at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, starting January 15. Further details are available in the Information / Registration packet posted on the Johnson County 4-H Countywide Projects webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/countywide-projects.html; or you may contact Donna Holloway at 913-433-6752 or Pat Rawitch at 913-681-0406.

Johnson County 4-H Dog Club Training Registration Open

Registration for training with the Johnson County 4-H Dog Club is now open for the 2020 year. All registration materials must be submitted no later than January 4, 2020. Training will start January 20, 2020 and will be held every Monday at 7 p.m. with set-up starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Green Building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. The first meeting on January 13 is a mandatory orientation meeting for everyone. The January 13 meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be at the Gardner First Presbyterian Church near the Johnson County Fairgrounds. 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.

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 more information.

County Project Opportunities

YQCA Requirement for 2020 Fair

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 youth ages 7-21. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

Who Needs to be certified?

Johnson County Fair Exhibitors: All youth age 7 and older exhibiting in the cattle, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the Johnson County Fair.

Exhibitors at State Livestock Shows: All youth age 8 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. Exhibitors participating as a 7-year old will be exempt for the 2020 year.

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 www.YQCA.org and logging into the system through 4HOnline. All registration and payment is 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. Registration for in-person trainings in Johnson County are now available at www.YQCA.org. (Please call the Extension office at 913-715-7000 to sign-up a 7-year-old for the training). Training dates are:

- January 7 – Johnson County Extension office, Olathe, 6:30-8 p.m.
- February 24 – Johnson County Fairgrounds, Gardner, 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html and feel free to contact the Johnson County 4-H staff if you have any questions.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewing Project members - If you have ever wanted to learn to sew or are currently sewing and want a place to sew, then come join the countywide sewing group. The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday. There is a break for the holidays and the group will start up again on January 9 until July 16. For more information please contact Martha Powell, countywide sewing group leader, at 913-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com.

Countywide Rabbit Project Meetings

The remaining meeting dates for the Countywide Rabbit Project group are: February 3, April 6, and June 1. There will be presentations from speakers and opportunities to learn from fellow 4-H'ers in the Rabbit Project. Meetings are from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 1070 at the Extension office. If you have any questions, contact Jenny at jwassom@msn.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball will be March 8 at Bramlage Coliseum.

Fantastic 4-H Camp will be June 19-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Campference will be June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Johnson County Fair will be July 26-August 1 in Gardner.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be August 22-23 at Kansas State University.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

Anyone interested in the Astronomy Project is invited to participate in the following activities:

StarLab Planetarium Program: Welcome to the Neighborhood – In the brand new DIGITAL StarLab, you will learn about the planets, stars, and the moon.

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Schlagle Library at Wyandotte County Lake, 4051 West Dr., Kansas City, KS 66109

Space is limited to 30 people. All ages are welcome, however children must be at least six years old. Please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com if you are planning on coming.

Astronomy Meetings to Make County Fair Entries – Wouldn't it be great to have a county fair entry completed ahead of time, not at the last minute? There will be two opportunities this year to make Astronomy fair entries:

1) Astronomy Posters, Educational Displays, and Notebooks

Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Please bring the following supplies to the meeting:

- Brainstorm in advance about your favorite astronomy topic you have or want to learn about this year (examples: planets, stars, comets, galaxies, space phenomena, etc.)
- Poster (20" x 30"), educational display (3' x 4' tri-fold display board), or notebook (any size 3-ring binder)
- Print out and bring to the meeting any pictures, facts, etc. you would like to include in your display
- Scissors, glue/glue sticks, construction paper will be available at the meeting, however if there is a particular color of construction paper you will be needing, please bring it with you to the meeting.

2) Telescope-Building Workshop – You will be building telescopes from scratch!

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 **Time:** 2-3:30 p.m. **Location:** Extension office

Supplies: Please bring two paper towel tubes for each 4-H'er participating in the workshop.

**If you are planning on coming to either program please RSVP to Heather Anderson at handerson3@gmail.com to ensure that enough supplies are available for the meeting.

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

ATTENTION: Changes to the 2020 Fair Schedule

In an effort to provide an additional day for the community to view 4-H projects, the Fair Board and the Extension office have decided to make the following changes to the schedule:

Event Being Changed	New Time	Notes
Livestock Stall Decorations	Saturday 1 p.m.–Sunday 1 p.m. or upon completion of Dog Show on Sunday or Monday night	No bedding to be placed in sheep stalls until after the Dog Show concludes Monday night
Livestock Check-in	Tuesday 8 a.m.-11 a.m.	Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep
Sheep Grooming Contest	Tuesday 4 p.m.	
Dairy Cattle	Wednesday 10 a.m.	
Rabbits & Poultry Accepted	Tuesday 5 p.m.-9 p.m.	This is the only time that they will be accepted.
Dairy Goats	Wednesday 12 p.m.	
Livestock Judging	Friday Check-in 12:30 p.m., Event starts at 1 p.m.	Awards will be held at the Memorial Building
Round Robin	Check-in at 6 p.m.	

New Event: Sheep/Goat Costume Contest - Wednesday at 4 p.m. Open to any exhibitor showing sheep or goats. Contest consists of a short 5 minute or less narrative written by the exhibitor and costumes for both exhibitor and animal that go with the narrative. Judging will be based on originality, promotion of the sheep and/or goat projects, workmanship of costumes, and control of animal. Sign up will run similarly to the Beef and Sheep Grooming Contests. Contact Denise King at kingflock@aol.com with questions.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work together to provide the best possible schedule for our 4-H'ers and families. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ami.

Local Opportunities

Sign Up to be on a Council Committee

Have you ever wondered how our countywide events are planned? Each county event has a committee of hardworking and dedicated 4-H'ers and adult volunteers who provide input and assist with planning each event. Leadership for each committee is appointed to 4-H Council representatives. 4-H members and additional adult volunteers are invited to participate on these committees as a working committee member. Often 4-H'ers say they didn't know they could help with county events. Please review the details of each committee on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html. 4-H'ers and adults interested in joining a committee as a working committee member need to sign up by January 1, 2020. The link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council webpage.

County Council 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. County Council officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m.

If you missed the opportunity to sign up for Council Committees at the November meeting there is still time! As a reminder, actively participating in a Council Committee 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 webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html; along with a link to sign up. If you have any questions please contact Ami.

Food Fare

The 2020 Food Fare will be held on Saturday, January 25 at the Extension office. Food Fare is an opportunity for clubs to have a booth that showcases their creativity with food samples, decorations and activities based on a theme. This year's theme is "States." Food Fare participants will tour each booth, trying the food samples and participating in the activities. If your club would like to have a booth at this year's Food Fare, please sign up for your theme on the 4-H Food Fare webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html. If you have any questions about this event, please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Free 4-H Bowling Social

Johnson County 4-H'ers are invited to attend a **FREE** 4-H bowling social sponsored by 4-H Council and put on by the 4-H Ambassadors. This will be a great opportunity to meet 4-H'ers from other clubs and reconnect with friends you met at camp or other 4-H events! It will take place on Wednesday, February 26, from 6-8 p.m. at Olathe Mission Bowl. There are enough lanes reserved for 80 4-H'ers, so make sure you RSVP soon to reserve your spot! Snacks and soft drinks are also included. Parents are more than welcome to come, watch and socialize, but bowling is reserved for the youth. 4-H'ers will be assigned lanes at random as an opportunity to make new 4-H friends. A link to register is posted on the 4-H Council webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html.

Seeking Donations:

Johnson County 4-H needs your help collecting the following items for a hands-on activity during 4-H Camp:

- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Kleenex boxes (can be flattened)
- Cereal boxes (can be flattened)

If you have these items available, please collect and bring to the Extension Office. Thank you!

Regional Opportunities

Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

Kansas 4-H is Jammin' Out with Leadership! 4-H members age 12 to 18 and adult volunteers are invited to the Northeast Region 4-H Leadership Event (NELE) on Saturday, January 18, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Heritage Hall at Rock Springs 4-H Center.



NELE is led by the Northeast Region Youth Council representatives. There are multiple class opportunities available for youth and adults. Registration is \$30 and includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. A link to the registration and information page is posted on the Kansas 4-H Events webpage at www.kansas4-h.org/events/.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

Mental Health Open Forum for Youth

The Douglas County Extension office will be hosting a 4-H Community Conversation on Sunday, January 12 from 1-5 p.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence. Middle school and high school aged youth are invited to use their leadership and communication skills to learn how to have tough conversations that matter. 4-H Community Conversations offer youth the opportunity to join together to deliberate in an open forum, to make choices with others about ways to approach difficult issues and have tough conversations to work toward creating reasoned public judgment for the common good. The best part of the 4-H Community Conversations program is that it is led by trained teen facilitators! The topic to be discussed is mental health in America.

The program is FREE, but space is limited so registration is required and closes on Thursday, January 9. Register at www.tinyurl.com/4Hcommunityconversations. Volunteers are also welcome to participate. A flyer with more information is at www.douglas.k-state.edu/docs/4h/registrations/DG2020CommunityConversationsFlyerUpdateDec3.pdf.

4-H Public Speaking Academy

The Marais des Cygnes District 4-H office is holding a 4-H Public Speaking Academy on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in Paola. This event is for youth ages 10-18 to learn more about giving speeches, presentation skills and preparing for 4-H Club Day speech events. There will be presenters from Toastmasters leading the group through activities and practice speeches. Registration is \$20 per youth and includes a pizza lunch, snacks, handouts and supplies for the class. Complete the registration at <https://tinyurl.com/2020PSA> before January 17. Also, space is limited to 25 participants so don't delay in signing up! A flyer for the event is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Forms and Resources webpage under the "Miscellaneous" heading at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lucky Clover 4-H member, Maddie, for being selected to represent Kansas 4-H in the 4-H Exchange program for the summer of 2020. Maddie's first choice is an exchange opportunity in Norway.

State Opportunities

4-H Horse Panorama

The 2020 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 24-26, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is now open through January 15 and a link is posted on the Kansas 4-H Events webpage at www.kansas4-h.org/events/. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in quiz bowl, hippology, presentations and more. All competitive events are open to those members that are age 9 as of December 31, 2019 and not past age 19 as of December 31, 2019. For more information and to read the rules for these events visit the Horse Panorama webpage at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/. There is also a schedule of events posted on the webpage.

2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarships

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application for the 2020-2021 academic year is now posted at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html. The list of available scholarships can also be found on this page and should be updated soon. Youth applying for this scholarship should be in their senior year in high school OR OLDER (many scholarships are available to students who are a freshman through senior in post-secondary education, or are Vet Med students). Scholarship applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day

Registration is now open for Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer Day. These are biennial events that take place at Weber Arena on the Kansas State campus in Manhattan. Each junior day program is a one-day educational opportunity for youth, parents, project leaders, agents, and other interested parties to increase their knowledge about youth livestock production and management. All ages are welcome, but all attendees must register (both adults/parents and youth). The cost for each junior day is \$15/person for those who register by the early deadline, and \$20/person for those who register after the deadline. Please note, any registrations *received* after the early deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. **There are no refunds.**

There are two methods to register: by mail or online. To register by mail, complete the bottom portion of the flyer posted on the Youth Livestock website at www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ and send with payment to their office. Or register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. Online up to 5 individuals can be registered at a time. In order to add additional people, select “continue shopping” after completing the information for the first attendee. When everyone has been registered, then “check out” and submit your payment.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day – Saturday, February 29, 2020

Early Registration Due – February 7, 2020 for \$15/person (\$20 after February 7)

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day – Saturday, March 14, 2020

Early Registration Due – February 21, 2020 for \$15/person (\$20 after February 21)

YQCA Instructor-led Class Available at Junior Producer Days

An instructor-led training for youth to earn their YQCA certification will also be offered at the junior producer days. It will be provided as an optional session after each junior day program concludes (approximately 4 p.m.). It is expected to last 1 hour and 15 minutes to an hour and a half. This is being provided as an additional opportunity for youth to complete the \$3 instructor-led class. Youth only need to participate in the training once annually. Additional details will be emailed to those who indicate through their junior day registration that they plan to attend the YQCA session, as participation will require an additional registration step.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Busy October for Great Plains 4-H Club

By Noah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The Great Plains 4-H Club had a very busy month in October. Some of the highlights were a library display for National 4-H Week, a preschool fair, and a club campout.

Many members displayed projects that they had entered in the Johnson County Fair, in a case at Antioch library on the week of National 4-H Week, October 6-12. Some of the projects displayed included ceramics, art, fiber arts, food preservation, crafts, and electricity.

On October 9, the Great Plains 4-H Club went to Olathe Christian Church Preschool to teach the kids there about some of the 4-H projects and present a "mini county fair." There were about 20 kids who attended the fair and visited the "booths." The projects presented were fiber arts, wood-working, ceramics, foods, poultry, rabbits, entomology, and table setting. The preschoolers were also shown the basics of composting. Booths included a live chicken and rabbit for the kids to hold and pet. Other activities included hammering practice, making a fruit salad, creating a table setting, finger-knitting, shaping Play-Doh, and examining insects. Great Plains Club has done this fun project for about 4 years now and one preschooler even said that it was "the best day of my life!"

On October 11-12, Great Plains Club went on an overnight campout at the Hollis Renewal Center. The club had new officer installation, a business meeting, and s'mores. It was a very cold night, even dropping below freezing at some points! Great Plains families braved the first frost of the season like champs. The morning following the campout, the club had a service project sorting LEGOs. The LEGOs get sorted into kits that are used by CASA volunteers in the Jackson County Court System. CASA volunteers are assigned to help children who are in need of an advocate in court. CASA volunteers indicate that LEGOs are a good introductory activity when meeting with a child who might feel frightened or confused. Great Plains members were glad to help with this project.



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

Cookies for Firemen

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

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club delivered dozens of homemade cookies to the firemen serving at Olathe Fire Station 3 on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Members were excited to meet the firemen on duty and have an opportunity to say Thank You in person. The club was given a tour of the fire station and the Q53 fire engine. The Happy Helpers are thankful to use what we are learning in the Foods and Nutrition project to give back to those who serve our community.



Several members of the Johnson County Livestock Club were chosen to launch a new pilot program at the American Royal.

The American Royal Ag-vocate program provides a select group of youth exhibitors the opportunity to enhance public speaking abilities, gain leadership skills, and develop awareness in the industry while promoting the mission of the American Royal and the Livestock industry.

By Kaylee King, Johnson County 4-H Club Reporter



(L to R) Current 4-H'ers and 4-H alumni: Tate, Grady, Logan, Kaylee, Dalton

Happy Helpers Ring Bells

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

The Happy Helpers 4-H Club volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army red kettle collection. The club volunteered for a two-hour shift on Tuesday, December 3, outside the Hy-Vee at 119th and Ridgeview in Olathe. The club enjoyed greeting shoppers and thanking those who donated to the Salvation Army.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Black Friday Bell Ringers

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

While the weather outside was truly frightful, that didn't deter these youngsters from volunteering in their community. 23 Prairie Moon 4-H members lived out their pledge of dedicating their hands to greater service for their community and their country by ringing bells for the Salvation Army for 10 consecutive hours on the busiest shopping day of the year: Black Friday. In one hour increments, various members of the Prairie Moon 4-H Club stood outside of the largest retailer, Walmart, on the day of the year that generates the most foot traffic for brick and mortar stores in order to raise money for Salvation Army. Some members greeted shoppers with cheerful smiles, others with Christmas carols, still others with playful banter about college and local athletics, all in an effort to raise money for the less fortunate among us. Despite not knowing the total amount of money raised in their kettle, all of the kids interviewed proclaimed that they would emphatically return again next year to continue with the mission.



Every year, Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club bell rings for the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army provides assistance to many throughout the holiday season and all year long with food, rent and utility assistance. It also operates after school programs, helps vulnerable adults and provides emergency assistance during times of disaster. Thirteen 4-H'ers participated by greeting, opening doors for shoppers and bell ringing at two locations outside Oak Park Mall. After our shift we enjoyed lunch together in the mall food court. All around another successful bell ringing year for the Stanley Buccaneers!

By Alex Whipple, Stanley Buccaneers 4-H Club Reporter



REPORTER'S CORNER

On Monday, December 9th the Sharon 4-H Club participated in a wonderful evening together Christmas caroling at an assisted living/rehabilitation center in Spring Hill. Our regular club meeting included a fun gift exchange between members. Many laughs and smiles were seen throughout the evening as the members sang, played games, opened gifts and enjoyed tasty cookies to end the night.

By Clayton Meek, Sharon 4-H Club Reporter



Christmas Cheer Abounds for the Great Plains Club

By Noah Kwasiborski, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The Great Plains 4-H Club had an exciting December!

On December 5th, the club enjoyed a Christmas Party and Achievement Celebration. Activities included a potluck dinner, a business meeting, a time to note club achievements, and a gift exchange. The club sang "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and played a Christmas carol game. In achievement highlights, the club earned a purple seal for leadership and two members earned a Key Award.

On December 14th, members of the club volunteered at Harvesters Community Food Network helping package meat and ice cream. In the end the club packaged 6,000 pounds of ice cream! Harvesters helps people who are financially struggling to have food and serves many counties in our area. Now the club knows that people really like ice cream!



January

- 1 - New Year's Day, office closed
 - Council Committee Sign-ups due online
- 2 - Starlab Presentation (pre-registration required)
- 3 - Tail Waggers Training Registration due
- 4 - Dog Club Training Registration due
- 6 - County Council meeting
- 7 - YQCA in-person training at Extension office
- 9 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 10 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 12 - Mental Health Youth Forum in Lawrence (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Club Day Registration & Payment due
- 16 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 18 - Northeast Region 4-H Leadership Event at Rock Springs 4-H (pre-registration required)
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, office closed
 - Countywide Photography Project Meeting
- 22 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship Applications due to office
- 23 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 24 - Countywide Knitting Project Meeting
- 25 - Food Fare
 - Public Speaking Academy in Paola (pre-registration required)
- 30 - Countywide Sewing Group

February

- 3 - Countywide Rabbit Project Meeting
 - County Council Officers meeting
- 6 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 8 - County Club Day
- 13 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 16-17 - Citizenship in Action
- 17 - Countywide Photography Project Meeting
- 20 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21-22 - Ambassador Training
- 23 - Countywide Astronomy Project Activity
- 24 - YQCA in-person training at Fairgrounds
- 26 - Bowling Social
- 27 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 29 - Jo. Co. Ext. Education Foundation Dinner & Auction

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

2020 Enrollment

4HOnline opened October 1 for families to re-enroll current 4-H members and enroll new 4-H members for the 2020 4-H year. We asked that all current 4-H members be re-enrolled by November 1, 2019. **Being an enrolled 4-H member ensures that the 4-H'er is covered with accidental insurance during club and project meetings. Please help us provide a safe and welcoming program by encouraging all your club members to enroll immediately.** Also, if families are not enrolled for the 2020 4-H year, they will miss out on important correspondences from the Extension office as only the contact information from the current year's enrollments in 4HOnline will now be used.

The website for 4HOnline is <https://ks.4honline.com>. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be 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/. As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

NOTE: There is a known issue when some users try to pay the Kansas 4-H Program fee with a credit/debit card during enrollment in 4HOnline. If you or any of your club members are having trouble using a card, please contact Christin for help or choose the option to pay by check and mail it to the Kansas 4-H office. Sorry for any inconvenience.

New Club Seal Requirements

Starting this year there are new requirements for the Club Seal and a new process to complete the Club Summary in order for a club to receive their seal. Please take time now as a club to review the new requirements so that goals for the year can be set early. The Club Summary form is online only and is posted on the Leader Resources webpage at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. This replaces the paper Club Summary form.

Club Leader Resources Page

Please take some time to look over 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/. If you are looking for something and can't find it, please contact the Johnson County 4-H staff.

Project Leaders and Volunteers must be Registered Volunteers

Reminder: 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 will now be completed through 4HOnline. We asked that all current volunteers have their renewal completed by November 1. If you have not completed the renewal process in 4HOnline for the 2019-2020 year, you should not be volunteering for your club. Once you have completed the renewal process in 4HOnline and your profile has been made "Active" you may resume your volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 no longer need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact Amanda.