

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Program in Need of 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. The Position Description is 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.

June Livestock Deadlines

KS Jr Livestock Show & KS State Fair Livestock Nominations

4-H members planning on showing Commercial Heifers, Swine, Sheep, or Meat Goats at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) and/or the Kansas State Fair must submit nominations to the KSU Youth Livestock office. Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations are due by June 15. Information pertaining to Kansas Livestock Nominations and the process can be found at www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/.

YQCA Certification Requirement - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 9 for more information about YQCA Certification.

Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information and Updates

All market animals including steers, pigs, sheep, goats and market heifers must be tagged by Extension staff on or before the respective Spring Show date in order to be eligible to show in the 4-H division at the Johnson County Fair. The cost for a Kansas 4-H EID ear tag is \$3 each. Johnson County Extension staff will be on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Spring Livestock Shows to facilitate the purchasing and tagging process. Please see the chart below for specific tagging dates/times and deadlines.

Dates Tagging will take place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds	Last Day that each species can be tagged to be eligible for Johnson County 4-H Fair
June 2 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only	Goats and Sheep – Saturday, June 3
June 3 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only	Bucket Calves and Swine – Sunday, June 4
June 4 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only	**The tagging deadline for Beef has passed.**

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June Deadlines

Livestock Animal Project Tagging Information and Updates (*continued*)

If a 4-H livestock family needs an animal tagged prior to the specie's tagging deadline, they will need to contact the Extension office and either (1) BRING the animal(s) to the Extension office or (2) PAY a farm fee of \$50 to have Extension staff travel to the location of the animal(s). All animals must be tagged on or prior to each specie's tagging date listed in the chart on page 1. Animals tagged after these dates will only be allowed to show in open class at county fair (UNLESS prior arrangements have been discussed and approved by Extension, the Livestock Superintendent, and the Department Superintendent). Any animal needing tagged following the specie's deadline will need to contact the Extension office. Any female animal being shown in a market class is REQUIRED to have an EID tag. If a family does not have a way to transport their animal(s) to tagging events, it will be their responsibility to contact the Extension office and schedule a day for Extension staff to travel to the location of the animals and a \$50 fee will be required. Please contact McKenna Holtgraver at McKenna.Holtgraver@jocogov.org or 913-715-7000 if you have any questions.

Johnson County Fair 4-H Horse Show & Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show

Johnson County Fair — One requirement for 4-H'ers to participate in the 4-H Horse Shows is they must properly identify their horse either by (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) submitting a completed Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.***

Horseless Horse Project - 4-H members participating in the Horseless Horse Project must turn in a completed Johnson County 4-H Horseless Horse Certificate to the JoCo 4-H office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.

Kansas State Fair — 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project must meet three requirements in order to be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. One of these requirements is the horse must be properly identified for the Kansas 4-H Horse Project. This can be accomplished by either (a) registering the horse with a breed association in the 4-H member's name or an immediate family member's name by June 1 of the current 4-H program year, **OR** (b) identifying the horse with a Kansas 4-H Horse Identification Certificate signed by the local 4-H Agent by June 1 of the current 4-H program year. ***Depending on the identification method chosen, the 4-H member must have either a copy of the Horse ID form signed by the 4-H agent or a copy of the horse's registration papers on file at the JoCo office by 5 p.m. on June 1, 2023.***

3-Year-Old Snaffle Bit Project Nominations - The 3-year-old snaffle bit project nomination/ID Certificate is to be postmarked on or before June 1 along with the \$10 fee. Nominations are made through the JoCo 4-H office and then sent to the State 4-H office, so plan ahead. More information about the 3-year-old snaffle bit project is in the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, which is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html.

All forms can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html. Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate. Note that it must only be one page (front and back). Please also take time to review the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook, a link to it is posted at the website above.

County and State Fair Announcements

***NEW* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for the 2023 Kansas State Fair**

The new rule is as follows: “*For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to the entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>.*”

For the 2023 Johnson County Fair, we also ask that you attach the calculation to your food entries that contain frosting/fillings. This will ensure that if your recipe goes on to the Kansas State Fair you will meet their requirements. Please watch this short video to learn more about how to calculate amount of sugar in frosting/filling recipe - <https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html>. If you have questions please contact Chelsea Reinberg, Johnson County Nutrition, Food Safety, and Health Agent at chelsea.reinberg@jocogov.org.

2023 Johnson County Fair Parade

The Johnson County Fair Association has announced the details for the 2023 Johnson County Fair Parade in Gardner. It starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, and will follow the route of Madison St. to Center St. to Shawnee St. Registration will open on June 21. For more information and to register visit <https://business.gardnerchamber.com/events/>.



Advice from Ms. 4-H, Kylie Rogers

Question: *What is a special memory you have of your time in 4-H?*

I remember coming out of the sale ring for the first time and seeing that someone cared enough about me to buy my animal. I was so shocked that they didn't even keep the animal and experienced the love of the 4-H community and the bonds you make while being a part of it.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be August 8 in Pratt.

Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be August 12 in Manhattan

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

Kansas State Fair will be September 8-17 in Hutchinson.

Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 4-15.

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

Fair Edition

Pullorum-Typhoid Testing for Poultry Fair Exhibitors

The 2023 recommended requirements for Kansas County Fairs was released by the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA). Kansas continues its designation as a Pullorum-Typhoid (P-T) Clean State. All poultry (except waterfowl) are required to show proof of being P-T clean by originating from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock or proof of a negative test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition. Testing is generally completed at least 2 weeks prior to exhibition start date. The exception is birds that are less than 90 days old. The Johnson County 4-H Fair Book states that all poultry (chickens, turkeys, and guineas) must show proof of negative Pullorum-Typhoid testing at check-in.

Available Testing: Johnson County 4-H will be hosting a testing site on June 15, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. at the south end of the 4-H building on the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Testing cost is: \$1 for 1-5 birds, \$2 for 6-10 birds, and \$3 for 11-15 birds. If you have questions, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Fairgrounds Clean Up/Set Up

The Johnson County Fair relies on volunteers for a successful fair and clubs are expected to support the event by helping with the clean-up before and after fair. The schedule with each club's work day is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Fair website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. If you as a club member cannot make your club's assigned time, please come on an alternate date and help another club. Also, please bring the appropriate cleaning supplies necessary for your club to clean your area. Each club should bring brooms as every building will need swept. Teen 4-H'ers and parents are welcome to bring a Weed Eater if they would like to assist with trimming around buildings and fences during clean up days.

2023 Johnson County 4-H Fair Book

An electronic version of the 2023 Johnson County Fair Book is available to view at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Johnson County 4-H Fair Book Updates

Following are updates to the 2023 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

Public Presentations has been moved to Wednesday (8/2).

Flowers and Plant Science will be in the 4-H building.

Fiber Arts check-in will be on Monday evening (7/31) and Tuesday morning (8/1), with conference judging happening Tuesday after check-in.

Foods and Nutrition exhibits will only be kept in the 4-H building until Thursday morning (8/3) to prevent exhibits from molding and rotting throughout the week. If 4-H'ers want to keep their exhibits, they may remove them from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. on Thursday. If not removed by the 4-H'er on Thursday, exhibits will be disposed of.

Home Environment entry check-in and judging will be on Tuesday (8/1) in the 4-H building. Home visits for judging will also take place on Tuesday after scheduling a time with the superintendent.

STEM-Architectural Block Design rules have been updated to match the rules that were modified at the Kansas State Fair level.

New Department! Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), or drones, has been added to the fair book under STEM. Drones will be for exhibit and educational purposes only; no flying. Drones may be built from a kit or from scratch. Judging will be based on design and construction of the drone and/or the educational components of a poster, notebook, or display/poster.

Fair Edition

County Fair Entries

4-H entries for exhibits judged during the county fair will be due July 26. All entries for clothing construction, dog show, and fashion revue will be due on **July 1**. Late entries will not be accepted and if a 4-H'er does not meet the deadline they will not be allowed to have their item or project judged in the 4-H division.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit stall requests and tag numbers by July 26. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-H member's name who is exhibiting the animal by the July 26 deadline. Livestock exhibitors: you must enter in showmanship if you plan on exhibiting in showmanship.

Only online entries are accepted. The entry system typically opens in early June and is accessible through the Johnson County Fair website at www.jocokansasfair.com. **Note:** Once an entry is submitted it cannot be edited. If assistance is needed in making online entries please contact the Extension office or the Fair office. It is highly recommended that you print off your entry confirmation. After the entry deadline adding an entry is not an option.

All entries including livestock must be accompanied at check-in with a printed entry tag.

Mr. and Miss 4-H

The Johnson County Mr. and Miss 4-H Program recognizes young people for the leadership and commitment they have contributed to the 4-H program and their communities. Mr. and Miss 4-H support and participate in county events and activities throughout the year including Fair and promote Johnson County 4-H in the community. All 4-H'ers who have been a member for at least three years and are at least 13 (before January 1, 2023) are eligible to apply. More information about the Mr. and Miss 4-H Program can be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/mr-and-miss-4-h.html. The application is due June 30. Interviews will be held on a week-day evening in mid-July.

Food and Clothing Labels

Food labels (including those for Food Preservation) are available on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print off at home, or they can be picked up at the Extension office.

Clothing labels can be made by printing in ink on a 3" x 2½" piece of cloth: Class Number, County, Name, Age and Level.

Please refer to your department's rules in the fair book regarding labels.

Departmental Forms

Some departments such as Energy Management, Fashion Revue, and STEM require additional forms along with the entry. These forms are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html. Please refer to each department's rules in the fair book regarding what forms are required.

Entering Quilts in the Fair

If you are entering a quilt in the Johnson County Fair the ideal department to enter it in is the Fiber Arts department. The judge for Fiber Arts will be more experienced with quilts and therefore better able to give 4-H'ers helpful feedback.

Fair Edition

Photo Mats and Photo Sleeves

The Extension office has photo mats and protective photo sleeves available for purchase. The cost for the pair is \$1.50. You will not receive the photo sleeve at the time of purchase as photos will be placed in the photo sleeve by the superintendents during judging. Use a large zip top bag to transport your photos to the fairgrounds for judging. Photos exhibited in the 4-H Photography division at the county fair are required to be mounted on a photo mat. Photo mounting directions and labels can be picked up at the Extension office and they are also posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html to print at home.

4-H Foods Judging

The judging for 4-H Foods and Nutrition will take place at Gardner Elementary School from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, July 31. (Participants in the Dog or Horse Shows may come for judging from 12:30-1:30 p.m.) As you research and test recipes for your food entries, make sure to check out the “4-H Foods Entry Tips for Fair” and the “Frosting & Filling Guidelines for the Johnson County Fair” documents posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

For food preservation entries, remember to only use CLEAR canning jars for the fair. Save the colored blue and green canning jars for home use. Colored jars may have to be opened to check canned ingredients and if it is opened it cannot go on for further judging due to food safety issues.

If you have any questions about your food entry, please contact the Extension office at 913-715-7000 or foodhelp@jocogov.org.

Cloverbuds Show and Share

Enrolled Cloverbuds are invited to participate in Show and Share on Tuesday, August 1. This is a reminder that Cloverbuds are not eligible to compete in the 4-H division at the fair. Full membership starts when youth turn 7 before January 1 of the current 4-H year. Cloverbuds are encouraged to show and share 1-2 projects. Sign-ups for time slots will be available at a later date. For more information about activities for Cloverbuds, visit www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/cloverbuds/.

Project Check-in and Judging

Project check-in will be Monday evening (July 31) from 6:30-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning (August 1) from 8-10 a.m. Projects not checked in by 10 a.m. on Tuesday will not be eligible to be exhibited. Plan on arriving before 10 a.m. on Tuesday to have ample time to check in all of your projects. Livestock exhibitors, please refer to the fair book for your check-in time.

We will again be using SignUpGenius for families to select a conference judging time slot for 4-H'ers. The link to the sign-ups will be posted at a later date on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Projects for departments judged before fair have their own judging schedule. Families enrolled in the corresponding projects in 4-H Online will receive information detailing judging for these departments.

4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand is a great way for youth to help raise funds for Johnson County 4-H Council while practicing safe food handling, interacting with the community and working collaboratively with their club members! Be prepared to work a short shift at the 4-H Food Stand during fair on your club's assigned day. The funds raised help sponsor county events such as Club Day and Achievement Celebration. The food stand schedule is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/johnson-county-fair.html.

Fair Edition

Livestock T-shirts

The Johnson County Fair Association requires all livestock exhibitors to wear Johnson County Fair t-shirts when exhibiting livestock at the fair. The fair association will have a new shirt this year. This requires the purchase of new shirts for the 2023 fair. Please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/e1kJpV3Wb54LU8j16> to submit your family's request for t-shirts by June 15. The t-shirt cost is still being finalized and we will pass along that information as soon as we know.

Livestock and Project Auctions

See the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction section or the 4-H/FFA Project Auction section in the 4-H Fair Book for more details about the Livestock Auction and Project Auction.

Livestock Auction: In order to sell their livestock, exhibitors must turn in auction forms and fill out and sign a W-9 IRS Form by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2.

Project Auction: Project auction entry forms must be turned in by 12 p.m. on Thursday in the Green Building. No late entries will be accepted. An exhibitor selling a project for \$600 or more must complete a W-9 Tax ID (social security) form and turn in to the Extension office within 5 days of the auction.

State Fair Entries

4-H exhibits that receive a purple ribbon are eligible to enter at the Kansas State Fair as long as there is a comparable department at the State Fair. To enter in the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must be 9 before January 1, 2023. 4-H'ers who qualify to exhibit at the State Fair may sign up in the 4-H Building from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, August 3 and Friday, August 4. You may also call or email Christin with your entries. All entries must be into the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 7. **Please note:** beef, sheep, swine and meat goat entries for the Kansas State Fair are due by July 15 and Horse Show entries are due by August 1. These projects have a separate entry process.

Barnyard Olympics Competition

Please join the Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors on Friday, August 4 at 9 p.m. or immediately following the Project Auction in the Livestock Pavilion for the annual Barnyard Olympics competition. This event is a timed, barnyard-themed obstacle course and is open to everyone! Teams must have four members, with at least one team member being 18 or older. 4-H membership is not a requirement. Team sign-ups and a \$10 team entry fee will be collected at the 4-H Ambassador Booth before the event. 100% of the entry fee goes towards scholarships for Johnson County 4-H'ers to attend state events and camps and for the promotion of the 4-H program throughout the county. Please join us for a barnyard load of fun on August 4!

Project Pick Up

All 4-H livestock and horses can be removed from the fairgrounds after 6 a.m. on Sunday, August 6. All remaining exhibits will be released after the church service which usually concludes around 8:45 a.m. **4-H'ers must pick up their entries or make prior arrangements with another 4-H family to pick up their entries on Sunday morning.** If a 4-H'er does not pick up their entries it is the responsibility of the Club Leader to collect the rest of the club's entries.

Premium money will be available for pick up after the fairgrounds have been cleaned. It is expected that all 4-H exhibitors and their families help with fair clean-up. Requested corrections to premium checks must be submitted to the Fair Office by 12 p.m. on Sunday.

Local Opportunities

Ambassadors' Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 10 during the lunch hour, the Johnson County Ambassadors will be holding a fundraiser at Price Chopper in Gardner (600 E. Main Street). You may purchase a meal of a hot dog, drink, and bag of chips for \$2. Proceeds will go towards summer camp scholarships for our Johnson County 4-H'ers. Bring the whole family for lunch and to support a good cause!

Wonders of Discovery Pollinator Event

Attend this family-friendly event on June 23, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pollinator Prairie to learn about the wonders of pollination and its importance. This free event offers fun activities for kids to explore and learn about caterpillars, native bees and lots more. Learn more at www.facebook.com/PollinatorPrairie. The Pollinator Prairie is located at 320 S. Blake Street, Olathe, KS 66061.

Johnson County 4-H Scholarships

Every year Johnson County 4-H offers a scholarship to two individuals that are either 4-H seniors or former 4-H members. The scholarship application and guidelines for the 2023 Johnson County 4-H Scholarships are posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/, under County/State Opportunities. **Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.** Please help us spread the word of this opportunity to any Johnson County 4-H alumni from within the past four years who were in 4-H for at least five years.

Summer Nutrition Cooking Camp

During this three-day summer camp, participants will enhance their skills in preparing delicious and safe meals and take a deeper dive into understanding food and nutrition and the science of cooking. The first session will be June 27-29, for youth ages 12-17 and the second session will be July 18-20, for youth ages 7-11. Each session costs \$50 and are held at the Extension office from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/.

Leadership Day Camp

The Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a Leadership Day Camp for all youth, ages 8-12 (including non-4-H'ers) on Monday, July 10, from 1-5 p.m. at the Extension office. During this camp participants will engage in fun activities and games that will build leadership and teamwork skills. A \$15 registration fee will cover material costs and snacks. Registration is required at <https://conta.cc/3pLGBso> and space is limited.

WANTED! 4-H Electricity Fair Superintendent

Johnson County 4-H is looking for a new 4-H Fair Superintendent for the **Electricity** side of the 4-H Energy Management Department. Responsibilities include answering questions from 4-H families regarding Electricity projects, and being present while Electricity projects are being checked in and judged at the Fair. Please contact Jessica Lawrenz at jessica.lawrenz@jocogov.org or 913-715-7020 if you would like to help.

Local Opportunities

Makerspace Labs at Local Libraries

The Olathe Public Library Indian Creek branch and Johnson County Library Central Resource branch both offer new Makerspace Labs! These labs provide a space to explore, create, invent, build, and collaborate with others. Equipment and tools are for every skill level. Equipment includes: 3-D printing, embroidery, crafting, large format printing, laser cutting and engraving, sewing, music/sound/recording studios, and more. These labs are the perfect place to design and create new projects for Fair! Costs, fees, and reservations vary between locations so please visit their websites for specific information. Olathe Public Library—www.olathelibrary.org/services/makerspace. Johnson County Library—www.jocolibrary.org/makerspace.

Kansas 4-H Project Report Resources

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Reports. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

County Project Opportunities

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

4-H Leather Craft Fair Project Preparation Class

Have you started on a Leather Craft project for Visual Arts to exhibit at the Fair, but need help to finish it, borrow tools, or have questions? Randy Cornelius, our Leather Craft volunteer will be back to help our 4-H youth with a project they will be taking to Fair. The class will be at the Extension office on Thursday, June 29 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. (do not have to stay the entire time). Please register to attend at <https://forms.gle/6zagm7HCyieP4DHn9>.

County Project Opportunities

Sew Easy! 4-H Sewing Camps

Johnson County 4-H is offering four sessions of sewing camp this summer at the Extension office for youth ages 9 and up and for all skill levels, beginner to advanced. Sessions will be held on June 13 and 14, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (beginner) and 1-3 p.m. (advanced). All youth may attend, they do not have to be a 4-H member. Each session is \$7 and participants will receive a supply list prior to the class. Youth will leave with a finished product after every class. Please pay close attention to the age and skill level requirements for each session before registering. If a session is full, please contact us to be put on a waitlist. Register at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/. If you have an experienced sewer age 14+, we would LOVE to have them volunteer at the sessions for the younger sewers.

Countywide Sewing Project

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

Entomology Notebooks Now a Part of the Johnson County Fair

Prefer to catch insects with a camera instead of your hands? Does the thought of touching insects make your skin crawl? Now you can participate in the entomology project, no insect handling required, with an entomology notebook. 4-H'ers take pictures of adult insects during the current 4-H year and create individual entries for each insect to be placed in a 3-ring binder for Johnson County fair competition. Two pictures of each insect are recommended. Identification and date/locality of collection is essential with the pictures. Entomology notebooks also require a special project each year that further explores the world of insects. It is highly suggested to visit the Kansas 4-H Entomology Project page at www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/, the Entomology Collection Notebook guide (www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/entomology/docs/Entomology%20Collection%20Notebook2019.pdf) and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/ for all the details. For questions, email Sara Eccles at sseccles@gmail.com. Happy collecting!

Calling all Project Talks, Demonstrations & Public Speaking!

Did you know that in addition to County 4-H Club Day and Regional 4-H Club Day, there is another opportunity for 4-H public presentations? Yes, at the Johnson County Fair! Plan to add Public Presentation to your fair entries this year! 4-H members who are 4-H age 9 or older who receive a purple ribbon on a Demonstration, Illustrated or Project Talk are eligible to present at the Kansas State Fair.

REPORTER'S CORNER

Parent Night

By Iris Schrotberger, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

On May 11, 2023, the Oxford Hustlers met for their monthly meeting, but unlike other meetings this meeting was parent night. On parent night, parents can fulfill their children's meeting roles. Parents give reports, keep track of the minutes, and run the program. The club members still had to do their presentations instead of the parents doing them though. Although parent night usually happens in December, this year the club decided to hold it in May. We had lots of fun and can't wait to do it again next year!



Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

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

Thanks again to the Heart to Heart International Organization for all you do and for letting us help pack 450 Hygiene kits to send to Ukraine. We had a great time packing the kits and the helpers were so kind. We are still trying to get together for group rides together at an arena so hang in there.



REPORTER'S CORNER

Lucky Clovers Celebrate Our Graduates

By Kyndal Romero, Lucky Clover 4-H Club Reporter

The Lucky Clover 4-H Club celebrated its high school seniors during our club meeting on Tuesday, May 16. The seniors are Abby L. and Jaden F.



Abby is graduating from De Soto High School and will be attending Kansas State University (Interior Design program) in the Fall. She has been a member of 4-H for 10 years and has been involved at the county, state, and national levels as well as an Ambassador for 4-H. Abby competes in the JoCo Shooting Sports Team and has really excelled in the sport. Abby held all four major positions for our club (President, VP, etc.) as well as many other positions throughout her time in 4-H. When interviewed about her 4-H career, Abby says, "I like how the Lucky Clovers Club is a smaller club so I can be closer to the current members and I also enjoyed having the opportunity to pursue leadership positions. 4-H has given me the ability to enhance and discover interests, like the 4-H Shooting Sports Program."

Jaden is graduating from Mill Valley High School and is enrolled at Johnson County Community College. She is considering an Environmental Science degree. She has also been a member of 4-H for 10 years. Jaden was the club's Vice President for a year and also held other positions for the club throughout her time in 4-H. Jaden states, "I really enjoyed working with other Lucky Clover club members at the community bake sales and food booths during the fair." Her favorite experience in 4-H was going to the National 4-H Congress.

The Lucky Clovers are grateful for our seniors and their commitment to our club and will miss both of them! Congratulations Abby and Jaden!



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.

June

- 1 - Horse ID Certificates/Horse registration papers, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project Forms due to Extension office
- 2 - Evening tagging for Goats, Sheep, Swine, and Bucket Calves, JoCo Fairgrounds
- 3 - Morning tagging for Spring Goat & Sheep Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Last day Goat & Sheep Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 4 - Morning tagging for Spring Swine & Bucket Calf Show participants, JoCo Fairgrounds
 - Last day Swine & Bucket Calf Project animals can be tagged to be eligible for JoCo 4-H Fair
- 5 - County Council Officers meeting
- 10 - Ambassador Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser, Price Chopper in Gardner
- 13 - Sewing Camp Session 1 (pre-registration required)
- 14 - Sewing Camp Session 2 (pre-registration required)
- 15 - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Nominations due, online
 - Poultry P-T Testing, JoCo fairgrounds
 - Fair Livestock T-shirt requests due, online
 - YQCA Certification deadline for JoCo Fair
 - Clover Clips Submission deadline
- 19 - Juneteenth, office closed
- 23 - Wonders of Discovery, Pollinator Prairie
- 27-29 - Cooking Camp for ages 12-17 (pre-registration required)
- 28 - JoCo 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 29 - Leather Craft Project Prep class
- 30 - Mr./Ms. 4-H applications due

July

- 1 - Entries for Clothing Construction, Dog Show & Fashion Revue due
- 4 - Independence Day, office closed
- 5 - County Council meeting
- 10 - Ambassador Leadership Camp (pre-registration required)
- 18-20 - Cooking Camp for ages 7-11, (pre-registration required)
- 26 - Entries due for exhibits judged during fair
 - JoCo Fair Stall Requests & Tag Numbers due

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

4-H Online Enrollment for New Families

The 4-H Online system has been set up to not allow any changes to 4-H members' projects after May 1. New families can still enroll in 4-H Online. A step by step brochure to help new families enroll is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/. As always, if you have any questions about the 4-H Online system do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

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.