

# Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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## 4-H Families,

I can't believe it's been a full year since the pandemic changed our way of life. The proud 4-H'ers during Club Day, the laughter during Food Fare, the interaction with everyone gives me the fulfillment I seek from my job and I miss you all! Things are looking brighter in our community and we are all anxious to get some normalcy back in our lives, but please be mindful to continue to take mitigation efforts and consider offering options for families who might not feel as comfortable. Please enjoy the sunshine and I hope to see you all soon! -Ami

## Food Fare Winners

The Extension Master Food Volunteers reviewed all the club submissions for Food Fare Reimagined and selected their favorites. And while all nine clubs that participated this year are winners for their creativity, generosity and hard work, three clubs did receive the most votes.

Coming in at 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Blue River Wranglers with The Game of Life, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Great Plains 4-H Club with Hi Ho Cherry-O!, and Overall Favorite goes to... Lucky Clover 4-H Club with Clue! A donation will be mailed to the top three clubs. All of the creative gift packages can be viewed at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/food-fare.html).

Congratulations and thank you for all the fun submissions!

## Extension's COVID-19 Programming

K-State and our local Extension Board decided that all Extension programs should continue in the virtual preferred format **through March 31, 2021** to match the requirement from KSRE Administration.

Program leaders seeking exceptions, please review the following document [www.jocogov.org/sites/default/files/documents/DHE/PBH/Reduce%20Your%20Risk%20Flyer.pdf](http://www.jocogov.org/sites/default/files/documents/DHE/PBH/Reduce%20Your%20Risk%20Flyer.pdf), aiming for programming in the lowest risk category, and contact Ami to submit a written plan requesting an exception. **This applies to any Extension program delivered by staff, volunteers and representatives of Extension.**

With the continued disruption of 4-H programs due to COVID-19, membership pin applications, club seals, and member record book score sheets will be adjusted and modified for 2020-21. If your club or program has an attendance requirement for running for office, club scholarships, etc., there should be an option for individuals to participate virtually during the 2020-21 year. Clubs cannot set attendance requirements to participate in showcase opportunities such as Club Day or Fair.

# Important 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 be approved in 4-H Online 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 now update project information in 4-H Online!** A link to instructions on how to make these changes is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/). If you have questions about project enrollment or the May 1 deadline, 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 Friday, April 30** because May 1 falls on a Saturday this year. Appropriate forms can be found at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). \*\*Please note that the Horse ID Certificate was updated last year and this form (dated January 2020) **must** be used. Also posted on the website above is an example of a correctly filled out Horse ID Certificate; it must only be one page (front and back).

**4-H Horse Snaffle Bit Project Nominations** - Horse snaffle bit project nominations are also **due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 30** since May 1 falls on a Saturday this year. Along with the nomination, a Horse Identification Certificate and a \$10 fee must be submitted.

## Ks Junior Livestock Show & Ks 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. **\*\*NOTE: Please plan ahead as May 1 is a Saturday this year, so all forms will need to be signed no later than Friday, April 30.** 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](http://www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu).

**YQCA Certification Requirement** - As a reminder, YQCA certification is required to participate at KJLS and at the Kansas State Fair. See page 6 for more information about YQCA Certification.

## 2021 Livestock Tagging Procedures

To be eligible to show at the Johnson County Fair all market sheep, steers, market heifers, hogs and goats must be tagged with a Kansas 4-H EID ear tag. This year, in order to process tags more quickly and reduce contact due to COVID-19, we are asking **all families** with livestock that need to be tagged to purchase their tags **prior** to the day of tagging. Please complete the **2021 Livestock Tag Order Form** at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). If you have any questions about this process or tagging in general, do not hesitate to contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Although the Johnson County Spring Shows are not hosted by 4-H this year, the Extension office has been invited to tag 4-H livestock at the events and tagging will occur on the following dates:

- April 9 (6-7 p.m.) — Beef only
- April 10 (7-9 a.m.) — Beef Spring Show participants only
- May 21 (5-7:30 p.m.) — Goats, Sheep, Swine and Bucket Calves only
- May 22 (7-9 a.m.) — Goat and Sheep Spring Show participants only
- May 23 (7-9 a.m.) — Swine and Bucket Calf Spring Show participants only

# Local Opportunities

## Kansas 4-H Project Report Form \*NEW Resources\*

Set goals, practice record keeping, reflect, and compete using Kansas 4-H Project Report Forms. All forms, along with new video tutorials, can be found at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html).

Johnson County 4-H is offering an overview of this opportunity and review of the new forms on March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Families must register at <https://forms.gle/GKpPYF3Wd93bu48AA> by March 5, 2021 and a link to the meeting will be sent on March 8.

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## County Judging Contests

Test your 4-H project knowledge and problem solving skills by participating in virtual county judging contests. The top judge in each age category will receive a small prize! Please remember to practice integrity as you participate in these events.

- ◇ **Photography Judging Contest** - complete by March 15 at <http://bit.ly/photojudge2021>.
- ◇ **Horticulture Judging Contest** - complete by March 15 at <http://bit.ly/hortjudge2021>.

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## Walk Kansas Challenge

If you're looking for that force to get you going, consider joining the Walk Kansas program. This is an 8-week program that challenges you to move more, sit less and make better nutrition choices. Gather 6 people (including yourself) who will motivate and encourage each other and decide who will serve as captain. Anyone from anywhere can participate; friends, family, children, neighbors, co-workers, out-of-town relatives. Once you have your team, you'll need to pick a team name and choose one of the three Walk Kansas challenges:

1. **8 Wonders** - *Each person reaches the minimum goal for physical activity - 150 minutes per week. Collectively, the team would walk 435 miles as they discover the 8 Wonders of Kansas!*
2. **Cross Country** - *A winding trail from the cities of Troy to Elkhart, requiring each person to log 4 hours per week, traveling 764 miles total.*
3. **Little Balkans to Nicodemus** - *Walk the southeast part of the state known as the Little Balkans and then wind up and around to the city of Nicodemus. This team will go 1200 miles and require each person to log 6 hours per week.*

Now the team won't actually WALK across or around the state! The way it works is each 15 minutes spent participating in physical activity translates in this program to 1 mile. Walking isn't the only activity that counts. Biking, swimming and even gardening or housework count as physical activity. Each member of the team keeps track of the minutes they spend being physically active then reports it online under their team name. In addition to recording their physical activity, participants will also record their daily fruit and vegetable consumption. On the website, you'll be able to see each team's progress and fruit and vegetable intakes.

To register your team, and for more information about Walk Kansas, visit the Johnson County Extension page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu) and find the Walk Kansas link under the Health and Food Safety page. The cost to participate is only \$10/person, and participants can also purchase t-shirts to inspire team spirit. In addition, participants will also receive a weekly e-newsletter with physical activity and health tips as well as access to free virtual programs. The program officially starts March 28.

# Local Opportunities

## KC Metro 4-H Events

Join other youth in the Kansas City area for one of these exciting, new programs!

**Feed Your Spark (for ages 12-18):** This regional 4-H program gives you an opportunity to strengthen and apply your leadership, citizenship, and life skills. You will work with other KC Metro area peers to plan, organize, and deliver a program as a leader. Open for youth ages 12-18 with virtual sessions April 8-24, 2021. For more information and to register visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/). Registration is now open.

**Explore 4-H (for ages 5-10):** This is an opportunity to explore a 4-H project area that you might not have explored before! The program is scheduled for April 24, 2021 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration will open April 1, 2021 at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events/). If you have questions about either of these programs, please contact Ami.

## Taking Nominations for Social Media Spotlights

Would you or someone you know like to be featured on our Johnson County 4-H Facebook page for activities you do, events you compete in or to give a shoutout to an awesome volunteer or youth? If so, email Molly a few pictures and a short description of who and what you'd like to share on our Facebook page and we will create a post about them! You can submit an entry for yourself or nominate a youth or volunteer for a 4-H related project/event/activity they participated in! We want to show off all the learning, leadership and citizenship our organization takes part in.

## 4-H at Home Activities

Explore fun and educational hands-on activities and learning experiences for kids and teens to do at home on the National 4-H website at <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/>. There is everything from learning about pollinators, to building a popsicle paddle boat and exploring space!

## Free Kits

Needle point, embroidery, and cross stitch kits are available at the Extension office. Contact FCS Agent, Denise Dias, at [Denise.Dias@jocogov.org](mailto:Denise.Dias@jocogov.org) if you need any guidance getting started. The kits are available on a first come, first served basis.



## 2021 4-H Fair Book Updates

The following updates will be included in the 2021 Johnson County Fair 4-H Book:

**Horses:** “Exhibitors will be required to stall their horse or horses in the horse barn for the duration of the fair.”

**Meat Goat-Wether:** “Wethers are suggested to arrive without horns. If horned, the horns must be tipped and rounded. Tipping and removal of horns is NOT allowed on the fairgrounds and must be done prior to arrival.”

**Poultry, Pigeons & Doves:** “Poultry, Pigeons and Dove entries will be checked in on Tuesday, 8am-11am.”

**YQCA:** 7-year-olds are exempt from becoming certified in order to exhibit beef, sheep, goats and/or swine at the fair.



# County Project Opportunities

## **4-H Archery SPIN Club**

Online registration for the Johnson County 4-H Archery SPIN Club will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 22. The registration link will be posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/about-join/spin-clubs.html). A \$35 equipment fee will be required during online registration. This fee is for use of all the equipment, including bows, arrows, targets, stands, arm guard, finger protection, etc. Focus of the SPIN Club will be on beginning archery, but those that have more advanced skills are also welcome to register. This SPIN Club is a pre-requisite for perhaps joining the Match Practice group during the summer. The match practice group has limited space available.



Archery SPIN will meet 5 times on Sunday afternoons, beginning April 11. This outdoor event will be held at Powder Creek Shooting Park, 8601 Monticello Rd, Lenexa, KS. Dates/times are tentatively set for April 11, 18, 25, May 9 and 16 from 2-3:30 p.m. In the event of bad weather, make-up days may be added during the week. Participants must be there for the first meeting since most safety topics will be covered that day. Class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Instructors. Safety will be a top priority.

Participants do not need to be current 4-H members, but must be between 4-H ages of 8-18 (age before January 1, 2021). Previous years' participants that are not a member of the Archery Match Practice group may take the class again. This is the only opportunity to get this instruction in the 4-H Shooting Sports Archery project this year. Registrations could fill up quickly and may initially be limited due to county restrictions. If you attempt to sign up and see an announcement the class is full, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office to get on a waiting list. In addition to the equipment fee, participants will be required to fill out a SPIN Enrollment Form and a 4-H Participation Form. Contact Arn Eccles at [eccles@embarqmail.com](mailto:eccles@embarqmail.com) for more information about the class, or contact the Johnson County 4-H office about getting registered. Further details will be provided to enrolled participants after registration has closed.

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## **Countywide Sewing Project Meetings**

Meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project have begun. They are held at the Extension office on Thursdays and start at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to new sewers, youth that have sewn previously and even experienced sewers with great skills! Youth will learn all the basics, brush up current skills and get ready for the fair. If you have questions contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at [mmp4powell@yahoo.com](mailto:mmp4powell@yahoo.com) or 913-302-5812, or the Johnson County 4-H office.

### **Special Rules:**

- Participants must be signed up prior to attending the meeting at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA8AD28A0F49-4hcountywide>. A minimum of two participants are required for a session to continue.
- Face coverings must be utilized during the entire session.
- There will be a limit of six 4-H'ers maximum at any session.
- Each 4-H'er is allowed one supporting adult. Please have non-participating members remain at home.
- Equipment will not be shared and should be cleaned before and after the session.

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## **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. Contact Sarah at [skallansrud@yahoo.com](mailto:skallansrud@yahoo.com) to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

# County Project Opportunities

## Countywide Livestock Program

Program sessions this year include learning about careers related to livestock, livestock care and health, how to prepare your animals for the fair, and so much more. **You do not need to own livestock to join this program! All 4-H families of all experience levels are welcome and encouraged to attend programs and sign up to receive information.** If you would like to be added to the email list to receive further information about the Countywide Livestock Program and educational sessions, contact Molly at [molly.maddy@jocogov.org](mailto:molly.maddy@jocogov.org).

## 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, goat, sheep and/or swine project must be YQCA certified by May 1 of the current year in order to exhibit at the 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.

**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](http://www.YQCA.org) and logging into the system through 4-H Online using your current login information. 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. Online training is the only option available at this time. If a family needs financial support, please contact the Extension Office. **Please remember to print your YQCA certificate to bring to county Fair.** For more information visit [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions.

## Kansas 4-H Projects Resource

4-H Clover Classroom is an online classroom to help youth explore 4-H projects and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the different project areas within Kansas 4-H. The online activities have been developed for different skill levels. So, for example, even if you've never done photography before, the lesson will give you some things to get you started in photography. Some of the initial activities include getting to know your camera; learning about pollinators in the garden; and knowing the differences between quick bread and yeast bread. The lessons that are currently available are based on the most popular 4-H projects in past years, according to enrollment and more activities will be routinely added in the future. The online materials are free and if printed materials are preferred there is a small fee for those. The classroom is located on the Kansas 4-H website at [Kansas4-H.org](http://Kansas4-H.org) under the Resources tab.

## Kansas 4-H Policy Update

The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook was updated on February 8, 2021. Please review Section 9.4 on clarification of two-deep adult supervision and Section 13.2 on acceptable and non-acceptable practices in 4-H livestock shows. The most updated version of the handbook is always available at [www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html).

# National Opportunities

## **4-H Youth in Action Awards Informational Webinar**

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in National 4-H's core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM. Each year, Pillar Winners will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership.

Winners receive:

- \$5,000 higher education scholarship
- Promotional video showcasing their 4-H impact story
- All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards
- Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and other prominent alumni
- Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their pillar

On March 3 at 6 p.m. participate in a webinar to learn how to submit a successful application. Register for the webinar at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Jklk2LlkRW-gklVAWG5TKw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jklk2LlkRW-gklVAWG5TKw). Applications are accepted at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/> through March 29, 2021.

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## **Win \$5,000 for Your Community Service Project**

National 4-H is partnering with the Invisalign® brand in their search for 100 deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers! Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded \$5,000 cash to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals.

If you are a teen ages 13-19, share how you are creating positive change in your community, school or world at <https://www.invisalign.com/changemakers>. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021.

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## **Seeking Kansas 4-H Host Families**

**Kansas 4-H Japan Youth Exchange Program** - Japan and Kansas 4-H youth have a 40 year history of building connections and exchanging culture over Kansas summers. Kansas 4-H is seeking host families for in-bound youth from Japan. The benefits of global exchange programs to families include learning about new languages, customs, foods, values, beliefs, and the ability to create life-long friendships across the globe. If you are interested in serving as a host family for a Japanese delegate or chaperone, please contact Pam Van Horn at [pvanhorn@ksu.edu](mailto:pvanhorn@ksu.edu).

**2021-2022 Academic Year Program** - Contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu) for information and applications. Families should apply now for the widest selection of students. The FLEX students assigned to 4-H are from Mongolia, Serbia, and Turkmenistan. YES students to be sponsored by 4-H are from Tunisia, Pakistan, Jordan, and India.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Kansas 4-H Discovery Days** will be virtual June 1-4.

**Fantastic 4-H Camp** will be June 6-9 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

**Campference** will be virtual June 27-30.

**Johnson County Fair** will be July 25-31 in Gardner.

# State Opportunities

## **2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships**

**\*\*New Process for 2021!\*\*** Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021. Please note that you will now be required to upload some files that would have previously been emailed. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application information is posted at [www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html). Listed below each scholarship application link are the required files that you will need to upload in addition to completing the application. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

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## **Junior Meat Goat Producer Week**

The KSU Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted virtually as a week-long educational events. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. An informational flyer with a tentative agenda is posted on the Johnson County 4-H Livestock page at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/livestock.html). All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows.

The event is free this year, thanks to gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. This includes both youth and adults. Families also need to use an email address that is checked on a regular basis, as that is the method of communication that will be used to share links and specific details with attendees.

## **Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week — March 15-20, 2021**

Register at <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek> by March 8, 2021.

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## **Animal Sciences Leadership Academy**

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) Inc, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Applications are now available for the 2021 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year's program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18 to connect with their cohort, faculty and industry leaders.

Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. No housing will be provided in 2021, and transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All other costs have been generously provided by LMIC. For more information and a link to the application visit [www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/). Applications due April 15.

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## **Insect Art Contest**

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H'ers and art students across the state. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to promote Pollinator Week (June 21-27, 2021). Youth are encouraged to get creative with their entry! Contest rules and the entry form are posted at [www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/](http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/). Entries are due by April 16, 2021.



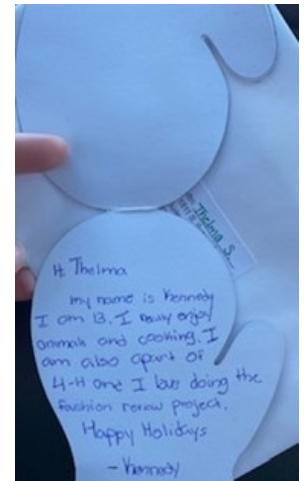
# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Giving Back Safely During the Global Pandemic

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Members of Prairie Moon 4H Club have been looking for multiple philanthropic opportunities to continue giving back to our community even while all 4H in-person activities have been moved back to online only due to COVID-19. Members of our club have made homemade cards for Harvesters for distribution with food deliveries. Also, some members have made and personalized homemade cards for the employees who cleaned up the Nation's Capitol Building after the breach on January 6. Several 4H club members have also volunteered to become pen pals with local senior citizens living at nursing homes and assisted living centers across Johnson County. Here are some additional ways that you can safely give back from home as well:

1. Write cards/send letters to local hospitals or senior centers. You can be matched up at [teamedukindness.wixsite.com/giftofwords/get-involved-letters](https://teamedukindness.wixsite.com/giftofwords/get-involved-letters).
2. Send cards to the shut in and elderly at [loveforoureliders.org/letters](https://loveforoureliders.org/letters).
3. There are multiple and varied volunteer opportunities available at [volunteer.familypromise.org](https://volunteer.familypromise.org).
4. Clean up your community (you can select a park a trail or a street nearby) by using gloves and remaining socially distant.



(Left: Cards made for Harvesters by 4H members in January 2021. Middle: Cards made by 4H members for the clean-up crew at the Capitol. Right: A homemade card personalized for a local nursing home resident.)

## 4-H Member Competes in National FACS Competition

By Keaton Pecenka, Blue River Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter

The Utah Extension agency hosted a FACS competition in January. We had one person in the Blue River Wranglers participate and represent the state of Kansas in this competition. Ainsley from the Blue River Wranglers was one of 3 members chosen to be on the Kansas team. The competition took place on zoom and they participated in a get-to-know-you activity. Then you were put into groups and they started judging. They judged various topics such as active wear, cooking items, activities, and school wear. They had to give verbal reasons. At the end of the competition the members of each team participated in a group activity. "The judging was a long day on zoom, but the judging was interesting and fun," said Ainsley.



# REPORTER'S CORNER

## Oxford Hustlers Feature Candy Land for Food Fare

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Peppermint, gumdrops, peanut brittle, lollipops, and gingerbread galore! It's Candy Land! The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club participated in this year's virtual Food Fare. The club chose to recreate Candy Land. We featured flavors of the lands with Peppermint Chocolate Kiss Blossom Cookies, Old-Fashioned Gumdrop Cookies, Peanut Brittle, Rainbow Cookie Lollipops, and Gingerbread Cookies. We also included a set of trivia cards so the recipients could learn more about the Candy Land game and the featured flavors. The box of goodies was given to health care workers at the University of Kansas Health System. We appreciate these essential workers and hope they enjoyed the sweet treats!



The livestock committee is having an upcoming beef showmanship clinic. It will be \$10 per person and that will include a lunch. We will have many fun learning activities for your kiddos including... show sessions, "In the ring," and daily care/grooming/equipment for your cattle. I highly suggest enrolling if you are planning to take Cattle as a project this upcoming year. If you have any questions be sure to email Molly Maddy ([Molly.Maddy@jocogov.org](mailto:Molly.Maddy@jocogov.org)). Along with the Livestock committee doing something, so did the food fare committee! They put together a great food fare. Even though it wasn't like all the other years it was great problem solving. The food fare being virtual this year caused many people to think outside the box. You can find pictures on the JO-CO 4h page.

By Ainsley Pecenka, 4-H County Council Reporter

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

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

## March

- 1 - Ks. 4-H Scholarship applications & supporting materials due, online
  - County Council meeting, Zoom
- 3 - Youth in Action Award Application Webinar
- 4 - Countywide Sewing Group (preregistration required)
- 4-7 - Agri-Science Summit, online (preregistration required)
  - 5 - Deadline to Register for Project Report Form Overview Session
  - 8 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Week registration due
  - 9 - Project Report Form Overview, Zoom
- 11 - Countywide Sewing Group (preregistration required)
- 15 - Deadline to Complete Judging Contests, online
- 15-20 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Week, online (preregistration required)
- 18 - Countywide Sewing Group (preregistration required)
- 22 - Archery SPIN Club Registration Opens
  - Regional Club Day Video submission due
- 25 - Countywide Sewing Group (preregistration required)
- 28 - Walk Kansas Challenge Starts
- 29 - Youth in Action Awards applications due
- 31 - Club Bylaws due to Extension office
  - Invisalign® ChangeMakers Applications due

## April

- 1 - Explore 4-H Event Registration Opens
- 8-24 - Feed Your Spark Program (preregistration required)
  - 9 - Evening Tagging for Beef Project members, JOCO Fairgrounds
  - 10 - Morning Tagging for Spring Beef Show participants, JOCO Fairgrounds
- 15 - Animal Sciences Leadership Academy applications due
- 16 - Inset Art Contest Entries due
- 24 - Explore 4-H Event (preregistration required)
- 30 - Horse ID Certificates, Horseless Horse Certificates & Snaffle Bit Project forms due to Extension office
  - Last day to get Market Beef nominations signed by Extension Agent

Check out [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the 2021 4-H calendar.

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## Clover Clips Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for Clover Clips will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If that date falls on a weekend or holiday please check the 2021 4-H Calendar at [www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources](http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources) for the deadline for that month. If you have a submission that you would like to have considered for an edition of Clover Clips please send it to Christin at [christin.bartels@jocogov.org](mailto:christin.bartels@jocogov.org).



# Leader Update

## **Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook Clarifications**

The Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook has been updated and is available at [www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/about/policy-guide.html). If you missed the Leader Policy Check-in, please contact Ami for the recording.

### **The following need to be completed by 4-H Leaders:**

- Review, sign and submit **Certification of Non-Discrimination**
- Work with your club to review/revise/approve the **Club Bylaws** and share with the Extension office by March 2021
- Encourage volunteers to complete the **Volunteer Screening Process**
  - Club Account signatories should be Registered Volunteers
  - Social Media pages should be administered by Registered Volunteers
- Add @jocoks4h as an administrator for **Social Media Pages**

## **Remind Families to Enroll in 4-H Online**

A list of enrolled members was emailed to leaders on February 2, 2021. If you know of members in your club that have not completed enrollment yet for the 2021 4-H year, please remind them to do so **immediately!** Families not currently enrolled are missing out on important correspondences from the Extension office.

While the portion of 4-H Online for leaders to access is still being worked on, there is a limited amount of information that leaders are able to view at this time. This includes information relating to enrolled members in the club. If you would like to be granted access to the leader portion of 4-H Online and you are currently enrolled, contact Christin.

## **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 current volunteers complete their renewal by November 1. If a volunteer has not completed the renewal process in 4-H Online for the 2020-2021 year, they should not be volunteering for your club. Once the renewal process has been completed in 4-H Online and their profile is approved they may resume their volunteer duties.

Youth under the age of 18 do not need to complete the volunteer screening process. (There are a few exceptions such as camp counselors.)

If you have any questions please contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

## **New Resource for 4-H Club Leaders**

The newly created training “4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success” includes six videos, handouts, and resources that go with the videos. Volunteers watch the videos and review the handouts and resources designed to help create a better club experience. The training is set up so that it can be completed all at once or over time. The videos are available on the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Development’s website at <http://bit.ly/4-HEZ>. Click on the heading of each section to go to the video. First sign in, then you can click on the video link. At the end of each video volunteers are asked to reflect on something learned and offer suggestions for future training opportunities.