

Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Happy 4-H New Year! One of the questions you might receive while sporting your 4-H gear is "Why 4-H?" Here are some possible answers:

- \Rightarrow It's a family program the whole family can be involved in the same club. It's an opportunity for younger 4-H'ers and older 4-H'ers to learn and grow together.
- ⇒ With over 30 project areas, there's something for everyone. Some projects include sewing, robotics, dog training, shooting sports, and raising livestock.
- \Rightarrow 4-H'ers develop life skills through working on projects. 4-H alumni often share the positive impact of 4-H on public speaking and leadership.

Next time you're asked, "Why 4-H?" answer with "Why not 4-H?" and share your experience. **-Ami**

2021 Enrollment in new 4-H Online System

You might have noticed that the 4HOnline system closed down a little early this year. That was due to the system being upgraded to 4-H Online 2.0! The new system is anticipated to open on October 1, and the new website for 4-H Online is <u>http://v2.4honline.com</u>.

New enrollment guides for families and volunteers are posted on our 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/</u>. If you have any questions about enrollment please contact your club leader or the Johnson County 4-H office. As a reminder the \$15 program fee will be paid at the time of enrollment within 4-H Online. (Adult volunteers and Cloverbuds will not be charged the fee.) Also, we ask that all current 4-H members be re -enrolled by November 1, 2020.

Achievement Celebration

The celebration is going to be different this year. Each club will be celebrating members' and volunteers' achievements in their own special way during the month of November. Whether that is during the monthly meeting, digitally, or something new! This year's theme is "Be Your Unique Self" and each club is encouraged to participate in a friendly contest to celebrate. This could be decorations, different outfits, or whatever you would like. Then share with other clubs your celebration by submitting a 3-4 minute video or slideshow highlighting the club members by the end of November to the Extension office.

The committee is also looking for an artist that can design the cover for this year's program. If you know of someone that is interested please contact Ami and committee co-chairs Hannah (<u>hannahlies@yahoo.com</u>) and Tylier (<u>copper15@gmail.com</u>).

The Extension office will have packets of awards to pick up by mid-October. We hope you will join us in the celebration this year. Please think hard and have fun!

Announcements & Reminders

Extension Staff Updates

Please help us welcome Molly Maddy as the 4-H Program Manager for Johnson County through December! Some families might remember working with her as the 4-H Intern this summer.

In addition, we have received approval to hire a second 4-H Agent to support the 4-H program! A position description will be coming soon.

4-HERN Manager

Hi everyone! My name is Molly Maddy, I am 22 years old and I am originally from Norton County, located in Northwest Kansas. I grew up on a farm with my 5 older siblings who were all involved in 4-H. I attended my first fair when I was only 1 month old, watching my brothers and sisters showcase their projects from my crib! While in 4-H, I participated in a wide-range of projects including; Sheep, Pig, Poultry, Foods, Photography, Arts & Crafts,

Sewing and many more! My 4-H roots led me to choose the Human Development and Family Science major at K-State University and I will be finishing my degree and graduating in December 2020. Some fun 4-H facts about me: I have never missed my hometown's county fair. When I was in 8th grade, I had a bucket calf named Tinkerbell and she still lives on

our family farm today. I am eager to learn and grow through my internship experience this summer with Johnson County!

4-H Financial Audit

4-H Treasurers, Club Leaders, and Financial Review Committee members: start planning now for the annual 4-H Club Financial Audit! The audit is required for all non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs. This includes funds raised/collected by 4-H clubs, project clubs, affiliated groups, etc. The Annual Financial Report document can be found on the Leader Resources page at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/</u>. Every club/group who has an EIN number issued by the IRS is asked to have a Financial Review Committee review the club financial records annually. Members of this committee should NOT be family members of the treasurer or signatories on the account. The committee should be composed of two 4-H members and two adult volunteers. This information is due to the Extension office by November 1, 2020. A reminder that the Treasurer's Book MUST be submitted from every group with an EIN. Contact Ami with any questions.

Extension's COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

We must remain vigilant to keep safety of the participants, volunteers and public top priority during this COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that all participants do their part to minimize the risk by staying home if you are sick, wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance, and following all other health recommendations from the Johnson County Health Department. Please review the 4-H Meeting Guidelines at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/docs/COVID-4H-Meeting-Guidelines.pdf</u>.

Local Opportunities

National 4-H Week

Take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week is October 4-10 and this



year's theme is *Opportunity4All*. Resources are available to help clubs and individuals promote National 4-H Week. New this year, Zoom backgrounds! Download them from the Johnson County 4-H website (<u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/</u>) and show off your 4-H pride during all those Zoom meetings!

Officer Training

This year Officer Training will be held virtually on Monday, October 5, at 7 p.m. Newly elected officers and anyone interested in learning about an officer position are invited to attend. New officers will join current or past officers to hear their experiences, learn tips and ask questions. No registration is required. A link to join the training on Zoom will be emailed to families closer to the event. There are resources available for most officer positions. Please visit the Officer Training website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/officer-training.html to view these publications online. They are also available to pick up at the Extension office if a hard copy is preferred. ****Presenters are needed!**** If you are willing to help lead an officer training session, please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-officer. (Most officer positions have resources that the Extension office provides for the training session.)

Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraising Event

The fall Paper Clover fundraising event will be held October 7-18. Of the funds raised during the event, 80% will be given directly to the Johnson County 4-H program! Donations can be made at the Tractor Supply Company in Olathe or online. New this fall, if the donation is made using a TSC credit card, TSC will match the donation! Although Johnson County 4-H will not be able to have a physical presence at the store this fall due to the pandemic, clubs should consider other methods of getting the word out to our community. If you are interested in promoting this fundraiser, please contact the Johnson County 4-H office for help.

WANTED: Communications Project Leader

The Kansas 4-H office is piloting a new opportunity by offering training and curriculum for individuals to serve as a Communications Project Leader for their club. As a Communications Project Leader, you will attend or watch the training sessions and deliver six communications lessons to your club members. These will be great lessons to prepare 4-H'ers for Club Day! The Project Leader Position Description is posted on the Johnson County 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.</u> <u>k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/index.html</u>. Please sign up at <u>https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5hxQG7BJ1c0S7hH</u> by October 9 to receive your curriculum.

SAVE THE DATE!

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be virtual November 6, 7 & 8.

Local Opportunities

Prepare for End of Year Awards

- 1. All 4-H'ers should complete their **Record Book** (personal page, 4-H story, and permanent Record) to submit to their club leaders.
- 2. If you would like to apply for a **membership pin**, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader. Remember to review the "2019-2020 COVID Adjusted Membership Pin Requirements" document when completing the application.
- 3. **Officers** should complete their books if one is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
 - a. 2019-2020 Special Adjustments: **Reporter's Book** requirement reduced to four articles. **Historian's Book** requirement reduced to minimum of 8 pages (16 pages for clubs with two historians).
 - b. Note: The Treasurer's Book requirements have been updated.

4. Finish your Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) for submission to the Extension office.

Find all the resources at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

New Family Orientation

We will be offering a virtual New Family Orientation from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, for parents of first and second year 4-H members. We will cover topics such as enrollment, project selection, record books, 4-H events, county activities, and allow time to answer questions. To register, please complete the information at <u>https://forms.gle/ufmr1a7MDwd3n3jeA</u> by Friday, October, 23. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to families that have registered closer to the date of the orientation.

County Council Elections and 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. starting on November 2. The November meeting is especially crucial for your club to have representation, as the new County Council officers will be elected. It is encouraged that all youth interested in a County Council officer position be present for the meeting. The newly elected officers will have meetings which occur on the first Monday of even months at 7 p.m. starting on December 7. Actively participating in two Council Committees 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 website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/council.html</u>. Please choose at least one Event Planning committee and at least one Review Committee to participate in this year. A link to sign up is posted on the 4-H Council website listed above. As a reminder, any 4-H member may sign up to be on a Council Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Ami.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2021 Johnson County 4-H Ambassadors! If you love 4-H and meeting new people, this is the perfect program for you! The Ambassador program is a leadership role where 4-H'ers share with the community and other 4-H members about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer. The application and more information can be found on our 4-H website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html</u>. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 2. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

County Project Opportunities

Shooting Sports Project: Air Pistol SPIN Club

The Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports project will hold an introductory Air Pistol class. Join us to learn the basics of air pistol shooting in a fun, safe environment. This indoor class will focus on providing an introduction to the sport of target air pistol shooting with an emphasis on gun safety and handling. Pistols, targets, pellets and other equipment will be provided, however participants are asked to bring their own safety glasses. The class is taught by Kansas certified 4-H Shooting Sports instructors. Participants do not have to be a 4-H member but must be between 12 and 18 years of age (before January 1, 2021).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in small bore pistol next summer. Those who show an affinity and wish to compete further may be invited to join the air pistol competition squad for the regular season which will run from December to April.

Air Pistol SPIN will meet on the following evenings: October 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30–8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. Registration is open and the link to register is posted at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/</u> <u>classes-events</u>. Participants will be required to turn in a SPIN Enrollment Form and a Kansas 4-H Participation Form.

For further questions contact Sara Eccles at <u>sseccles@gmail.com</u> or contact the Johnson County 4-H office with questions about signing up.

Countywide Sewing Project

Attention Sewers - The countywide sewing group will start meeting again on October 1, at the Extension office. The first class is an orientation meeting so you will not need to bring any supplies with you. The class schedule, supplies list, and other information will be covered. The meeting room is limited to 22 people, therefore the sewer and a parent should be the only ones attending. (Siblings not sewing should be left at home, please.) The group will meet to sew 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, October 1 through November 19 (no meeting on October 8). Then there will be a break for the holidays and the group will start up again on January 7. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at 913-302-5812.

Beginner Quilting Class

Are you interested in quilting but have little to no experience? If so, please complete the form linked on the Johnson County Clothing and Textiles website at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/home-family/clothing-and-textiles.html</u>. A "Beginner's Quilting Workshop" is being considered, but facilitators need to determine the potential attendee number first.

Project Fair

New this year is a chance to explore different 4-H projects from the comfort of your home! Informational videos by 4-H'ers in the project will be posted at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-</u> <u>club-resources/projects.html</u> for you to watch when you choose.

****4-H'ers Needed**** We need 4-H members to share their project experiences in a 3-5 minute video to help other members get started in the project! If you are able to record a video please sign up at <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eafae2da0fa7-project</u> and email Ami for details and tips.

County Project Opportunities

4-H Western Heritage Project

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the Frontier West from 1860 to 1900. It combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with fun and exciting western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West through a living history approach to learning, while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the Frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.



For details on sessions, competition, and fun, contact David Birk at <u>dvdbirk@yahoo.com</u> or 913-269-2176. Also, plan to come to our November Kickoff session at the Cowboy Action area of Powder Creek Shooting Park (8602 Monticello Road, Lenexa, Kansas 66227) on November 15, from 2-4 p.m. and bring your friends. Have fun today and step into the past!

Advice from Mr. and Ms. 4-H

Question: What impact has 4-H had on you?

Mr. 4-H, Jayden Brethour: 4-H has had a massive impact on my life. One of the main impacts is



by improving my public speaking skills. Not only has 4-H given me the opportunity to grow in my ability to present speeches in front of my club, at Club Days, and the Fair, but it has also helped with my personal speaking skills of communicating one-on-one with others. I have learned how to speak to people of all ages in a variety of settings. It exposed me to other 4-H'ers from across the country and through our shared interest I was able to improve my communication skills.

4-H has also impacted my life by giving me many friends and mentors who will last a lifetime. I have also gained self-confidence and become more organized through record keeping and time management skills.

Ms. 4-H, Kaylen Dawson: Being involved in 4-H has had a crazy good impact on me. It has



taught me many skills that I will use throughout my life like, commitment, leadership, hard work, responsibility, etc. Throughout 4-H I have been provided with many opportunities and challenges that will help me in the future. I am so thankful that I got the amazing opportunity to be involved within a great community of people and an organization.

State Opportunities

48 Hours of 4-H



Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums to give back to our community during 48 Hours of 4-H on October 10-11, 2020. With COVID-19 we may have to be more creative this year, but there are still ways to serve! Clubs and groups should consult with Johnson County 4-H staff about their plans and ways to mitigate risk.

Check out the 484H website at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/</u> for more information and to register your project. Also watch for a Kansas 4-H Facebook Event to win prizes and get excited about serving your community.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is scheduled for November 21 and 22, 2020. Youth ages 14-18 are encouraged to sign up by October 15 through the Kansas 4-H website at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/events/</u>. This two-day workshop will be held online this year and is aimed at helping youth build their leadership skills. Components will include a speaker, election of the new council, workshops, some small groups and some fun too. Workshops offered during KYLF include lessons on finding your spark, leading in times of disruption, making a difference, communication skills and more. Registration should be open in late September.

International Opportunities

2021 States' 4-H Outbound Exchanges

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs has announced eight options for 12-18 year-old 4-H members for next summer. A new program offers three weeks in Argentina. It will be a group experience with shared housing with other delegates in Córdoba and two chaperones. An experience with 4-H'ers in playing orchestra or soccer, a multi-day camp, Spanish study and sightseeing.



The other exchanges to Costa Rica, Japan (4-weeks), Japan (8-weeks), Norway, South Korea, Taiwan, and Romania were offered last year and had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Applicants accepted last year were given priority to go to the same country they'd planned this year. Five Kansas approved delegates accepted this option. Since spaces will be taken by these and others around the U.S., spaces for new delegates will be more limited. A list showing the number of spaces remaining for each exchange this year is posted on the Kansas 4-H website at <u>www.kansas4h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/</u>. Also on this page is a chart showing a comparison of the eight exchanges and flyers with descriptions of each.

Applications are completed online and due November 2. Links to the applications are posted on the page mentioned above. Mary Kay Munson, state coordinator, will contact applicants after the application has been received to go over details about in person interviews scheduled for November 22. Prospective applicants may contact her with questions about the offered exchanges and the application process at $\underline{mkm2@ksu.edu}$, 785-238-3631 or 785-375-3189. Her mailing address is 1114 N. Spring Valley Road, Junction City, Kansas 66441.

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"Choose This Day"

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

2020 has been full of unexpected and life-changing events. From the mandatory stay-at-home orders, to the mask mandates, to the remote-learning and suspension of middle school athletics, my



life definitely doesn't look the same right now as it did at this time last fall, and I can guarantee that yours doesn't either. What I have realized, though, is that I don't have any control over COVID-19, over the local, state, or federal government's response to it, nor do I truly have any say so in what decisions that my school board makes about when I get to return to school in person. What I can control; however, is me and my attitude. While much of what I cannot control right now I wouldn't choose, I can choose to get up every day and to live my life in a way that it makes a positive difference. This positive difference will continue to have a ripple effect on my family and my friends, on my teachers and my classmates, on my community, on my country, and on my world. I challenge you to wake up tomorrow and join me in "choosing this day" a positive attitude.

Back at it! Just different...

By Adriana Murdoch, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Oxford Hustlers returned to in person meetings with an option to be virtual as well. We moved to a larger room at the same meeting place to help with six feet social distancing requirements. All 4-H'ers and parents wore masks and directed any reports from the floor and not up front. Virtual participants were able to vote with us as it was election month! All in all it went well and we loved seeing everyone's faces again, well half their face!



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.

October

- 1 4-H Online open for Enrollment/Re-enrollment
 - Club Organizational Report due
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 5 County Council Officers meeting (online)
- 7-8 Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 9 Communications Leader registration due
- 10-11 48 Hours of 4-H
- 13 Record Book Judging
- 14 Johnson County Extension Council Elections
- 15 KYLF registrations due
 - Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 Jo. Co. Extension Council Annual Mtg., virtual
- 22 Countywide Sewing Group
- 23 Registration due for New Family Orientation
- 27 New Family Orientation
- 29 Countywide Sewing Group

November

- 1 Current 4-H members re-enroll by today
 - Club Financial Audit due
 - Volunteer Renewal Applications due online
- 2 Ambassador Applications & Renewals due
 - County Council meeting, online
 - Exchange Applications due to coordinator
- 5 Countywide Sewing Group
- 11 Veterans' Day, office closed
- 12 Countywide Sewing Group
- 15 Western Heritage Proj. Kickoff, Powder Creek
- 19 Countywide Sewing Group
- 21 & 22 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed

Check out <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-</u> resources for the 2021 4-H calendar.

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Clover Clips Submission Deadline

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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 2021 4-H Calendar at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/</u> <u>forms-resources</u> 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 <u>christin.bartels@jocogov.org</u>.

Leader Update

2021 Enrollment in New 4-H Online System

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As a leader, if you have any questions about enrollment contact the Johnson County 4-H office.

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 at the Extension office. Masks are required and physical distancing will be practiced. Masks will be provided if you do not have one, along with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

<u>Club Leader Resources Page</u>

Please take time to review the links to the documents that need to be completed at the end of each year on the Leader Resources page at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/</u>. Resources include:

Annual Financial Report - This report and a complete Treasurer's Book must be submitted to the Extension office by November 1. Please remind your Treasurer to include all required documents such as monthly statements and all receipts. Documents and information regarding the Annual Financial Review can be found at <u>www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/</u>.

Adjusted Club Seal Requirements - The Club Seal and Membership Pin Requirements have been adjusted due to COVID-19. As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2019-2020 year, remember that the goal of the club seal and pins is to encourage involvement, challenge 4-H'ers to try something new, and provide a well-rounded experience. We trust that you, our Club Leaders, will make the best judgement in the interpretation of these requirements but we are always here for a discussion. Examples of activities/events that were modified include: virtual project tours conducted on Facebook or 4-H'ers delivering project talks using Zoom.

There are also new resources available to support 4-H clubs at <u>www.kansas4-h.org/resources/Club</u> <u>Corner.html</u>.

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 ask 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 "Active" 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.