



Clover Clips

A newsletter for Johnson County 4-H families.

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4-H Families,

Thank you to Fair Board and Extension friends, families, and volunteers that helped make the 2021 Johnson County Fair a success! It was very rewarding for me to support our youth in such a welcoming community environment. As I officially move into the 4-H Youth Development Agent role, I am excited to continue to offer my support as well as expand and promote our programs. Please never hesitate to reach out if you need anything, my door is always open. Thanks again! - **Olivia**

Remember to Write Your Thank You Notes!

A thank you note should be sent if you received a trophy, belt buckle, special award, or sold a project in one of the auctions. Don't forget to send a thank you note to your department chairs and the Johnson County Fair Board as well. The fair could not happen without all of these amazing donors and volunteers. Please take this opportunity to let these gracious donors of awards and their time know how much we appreciate all that they do.

State Fair Entry Drop-off Information

Those projects that were registered for entry into the Kansas State Fair can be dropped off at the Extension office Wednesday, September 1, through Friday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fresh food and flower entries can be brought in at the same time as all other entries, however (to help with freshness) we will accept them from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7. Please note that this drop-off time is only available for food or flower entries, as the van will already be loaded with all other entries.

This year, in place of premiums, youth that exhibit in the 4-H division of the state fair will receive two complimentary admission tickets to the Kansas State Fair. Those tickets can be picked up at the Extension office from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

IMPORTANT: Please read the rules in the Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook as well as check the Exhibit Area Downloads links for any class you entered in. A link to the handbook and the additional downloads links are posted at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/.

To find the Exhibit Area Downloads link for your class: 1) Scroll down the page to find your Department. 2) Review all necessary forms and information for your entry. 3) We have all entry tags at the Extension office, but if there are other documents required you will need to print them off and bring them in with your exhibit.

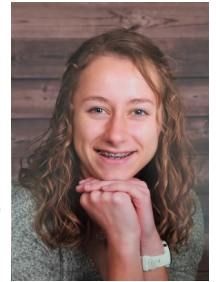
If you have any questions, please call the Johnson County 4-H office.

Introducing Mr. and Ms. 4-H!



My name is Ben Burling and I am the 2021 Johnson County Mr. 4-H. I am a 10 year member of the Morning Glory 4-H Club, and currently serve as Vice President. I am a junior at Eudora High School. I am involved in several 4-H projects, Beef being my most extensive project. My family and I run a small cow/calf herd. I have a passion for Agriculture. I am the Treasurer of my FFA chapter and prepping for the Kansas State Fair. Please reach out if I can answer any questions about 4-H for you or your club.

Hello, my name is Becca Adair. I'm 17 years old and a six year member of the Great Plains 4-H Club. In 4-H, my favorite projects are Public Speaking and Shooting Sports. Last year I was blessed to compete at 4-H Shooting Sports Nationals for Recurve Archery. If there's anything I could do at a club meeting or in the community, let Susan Rogers know and I'll be there!



4-H Shooting Sports Nationals

Six Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports members went to Grand Island, Nebraska this summer, competing in 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. Members and teams representing 9 disciplines competed against each other as individuals and as part of their state teams. Teams of up to 4 members from Kansas were picked from top placing individuals at Kansas 4-H State Shooting Sports matches. Individuals may only participate in an individual discipline once at Nationals during their 4-H career. Awards were presented for each of 3 days of competition and overall discipline winners.

Chase competed in Air Pistol and Abby placed 7th. Kansas Air Pistol team placed 2nd and was coached by Sara Eccles and Damon Lawrenz. Ben placed 1st in Air Rifle. Kansas Air Rifle team placed 1st and was coached by Jason Rogers. Becca competed in Recurve Archery, and the Kansas team was coached by Ethan Eccles. Jacob and Isaac competed in Muzzle Loading, and the Kansas team was coached by Mike Smith.

Johnson County 4-H Shooting Sports members worked hard to practice and prepare for Nationals after succeeding at their state match events. Congratulations to these Johnson County 4-H members for representing Kansas well!



Pictured left to right:
Chase (Morning Glory),
Abby (Lucky Clover),
Ben (Morning Glory),
Becca (Great Plains),
Jacob (Livestock Club),
Isaac (Great Plains).

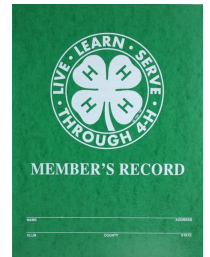
Local Opportunities

Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest

Youth interested in the scientific principles surrounding plant growth can work on their horticulture knowledge by participating in the Willie and the Salad Bonanza Contest sponsored by K-State Olathe. The contest challenges teams of four individuals in grades K-12 to grow the largest amounts of spinach, kale and lettuce in the same container, using no more than five-gallons of growing medium over the course of 47 days. Registration is free and seeds will be provided. For more information and to register go to olathe.k-state.edu/academics/programs-k12/programs/willie-and-the-salad-contest/. Registration is due by September 22, 2021.

Prepare for End of Year Awards

1. All 4-H'ers should complete their Record Book (this includes the personal page, 4-H story, and permanent record) so you can get rewarded for the year's hard work. Be sure to check with your club leaders to find out the deadline to submit your record books to them.
2. If you would like to apply for a membership pin, complete and submit a membership pin application to your club leader.
3. Officers should complete their books if it is required. Make sure to review the scoring sheet to meet all requirements.
4. Finish your Project Reports for submission to the Extension office for judging. All forms, along with video tutorials, can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html. Informational slides from our local training are posted at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.



You will submit ALL record books, applications and officer books to your club leaders. Find all the resources for these awards at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html.

Now Accepting Applications for 4-H Ambassadors

Join the 2022 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 the Johnson County 4-H website at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/events-programs/ambassadors.html. Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. Monday, November 1. Already a Johnson County Ambassador? Don't forget to turn in the Ambassador Application-Renewal Form.

SAVE THE DATE!

Fall Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser will be October 6-17.
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be November 20-21 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

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, 2022).

This class is a pre-requisite for joining the air pistol competition squad and for participating in smallbore 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 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30-8 p.m. The class location is indoors on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Gardner, Kansas. A \$40 equipment fee will be required. Registration will open at 9 a.m. on September 7, 2021. The registration link will be found at www.johnson.k-state.edu/classes-events. Participants will be required to turn in a Johnson County 4-H SPIN Participation Form prior to the start of the first class.

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

Countywide Astronomy Project Activities

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

- *Trip to the Powell Observatory* – Educational presentation “Phases of the Moon” along with a tour of the night sky and viewing through telescopes, including images from the Ruisinger Telescope, the largest telescope open to the public in a five-state area (<https://askc.org/observatories/powell-observatory>).

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021 **Time:** Presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and lasts around 20 minutes. Afterwards the telescopes are available to view the moon, planets, stars, nebula, etc. Telescopes are available well into the night, so interested participants can stay as late as they would like. **Location:** Powell Observatory, 26500 Melrose Street, Louisburg, KS 66053

Requested Donation: 12 & over - \$8, 5-11 - \$5, Under 5 - Free (Because the observatory is staffed by volunteers, a donation is requested upon entry to help maintain and operate the observatory.)

Etiquette: No white lights (headlights, flashlights, mobile phones, etc.) are allowed at the observatory. Red flashlights are allowed. Please dim your headlights when approaching and leaving the observatory.

Attire: It can get pretty chilly when the sun goes down, so it is recommended to dress warm and bring coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to keep you warm.

- *Telescope-Building Workshop* – Telescopes will be built from scratch and they can be brought to the Powell Observatory trip in June to look at the night sky!

Date: May 14, 2022 **Time:** 10:30-11:45 a.m. **Location:** Room 1070/1075 at the Johnson County Extension Office **Seats Available:** Attendance is limited to the first 10 4-H'ers who RSVP due to available supplies.

- *Another trip to the Powell Observatory* – Be sure to bring your telescope!

Date: June 4, 2022 **Time:** TBA

If you plan on coming to any of these events, please RSVP to Nathan and Heather Anderson, Countywide Astronomy Project leaders, at handerson3@gmail.com.

County Project Opportunities

Countywide Sewing Project Meetings

Meetings for the Johnson County 4-H sewing project 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. Meetings are held at the Extension office on Thursdays and start at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting for the 2021-2022 4-H year will be held on October 7, 2021. Contact Martha Powell, county sewing leader, at mmp4powell@yahoo.com or 913-302-5812 with any questions.

Countywide Knitting Project

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 to be added to the mailing list for meeting announcements.

Kit Check Out for Registered Volunteers

In an effort to make hands-on, quality, educational resources available to your program and club, we are introducing Johnson County 4-H Kits for Registered 4-H Volunteers to borrow. Thank you Johnson County Extension Education Foundation and Google's CS Pathway grant for making this possible! Find information at www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/KitCheckOut.html and contact the Johnson County 4-H office with any questions.

State Opportunities

4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

The Kansas 4-H Fall 2021 Volunteer Project Leader Training Series is designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Personal Development– Public Speaking

Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry

Sept. 28 – FCS - Textile Science

Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock

Oct. 5 – Service Learning

Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts

Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy

Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To register for the series complete the information at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jI2.

State Opportunities

Apply for Two Leadership Roles

There are two ways young people become members of the Kansas Youth Leadership Council, as a Youth Leadership Council Representative or a National 4-H Council Delegate. The same application process is used for both opportunities with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both roles. Applications are due October 1, 2021.

National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults, at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture, assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Those who are selected as National Conference delegates will serve a two-year term on the council. Applicants must be 15-18 before January 1, 2022. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/national-4-h-conference/.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Youth may also run for a one year term as a representative on the council. Youth Council Applicants must be ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF), Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. For more information visit www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/.

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. It's time to start making plans to participate on October 9-10, 2021. Check out the 484H website at www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/ for more information and to register your project.

Kansas 4-H Policy Highlight of the Month

Did you know... Privacy of participants must be treated with respect and contact information should only be published with the consent of each participant. Pictures and videos may be posted on a 4-H website as long as a member has signed a photo release. Only first names may be used. For more information, see section 12.1: 4-H Communication Guidelines in the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook (www.kansas4-h.org/resources/policy-guide/).

REPORTER'S CORNER

Happy Helpers Make a Difference

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

On Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 the Happy Helpers 4H Club volunteered at the Kansas City based charity Giving the Basics. The club worked to sort and package 4,448 bottles of deodorant. These will then be distributed via many different organizations to people who cannot afford hygiene products. Giving the Basics is making a difference in many peoples' lives by helping with basic dignity and self-esteem that many take for granted. The Happy Helpers are proud to have been able to serve our greater community in this way.

Giving the Basics



2021 Fair!

By Cooper Burling, Morning Glory 4-H Club Reporter

We closed another fantastic Johnson County Fair. As individuals, we each learned, experienced successes and expanded friendships with two and four legged friends. As a club, we decorated stalls submitted a club banner, worked the food stand together, rode the float and experienced a Morning Glory club member with the title of Mr. 4-H. The fair gives us the opportunity to display the work we have put into projects throughout the year. We come together as a club with the rest of the county and have a blast together for an entire super-hot week! This year was the hottest in a long time, but it did not stop several club members from participating in Celebrity Showmanship for the fair. We had County Commissioners, the Sherriff and many more people volunteer their time Tuesday of the fair. We raised money for the building fund on the fair grounds. We continue the fair kid tradition of attending the demolition derby with friends from all across Johnson County 4-H. As we wrap up the 2020-2021 4-H year and start to think about the projects for next year, hold on to the fun we had fair week and we will see you soon!



REPORTER'S CORNER

Animal Shelters NEED our Donations

By Kennedy Graham, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

This summer the Prairie Moon 4-H Club has been collecting donations for local animal shelters who have been bombarded by a recent influx of animals requiring immediate attention. These donations will continue to be collected from the public as well at the Johnson County Fair held at the fairgrounds in Gardner from July 27-August 1, 2021. Some of the items most requested by our local animal shelters are Kitty Litter, Clorox Bleach, Laundry Pods, Pate Cat Food, Kitten Food, Soft Dog Treats, Large Durable Dog Toys, Paper Towels, Gift Cards (Amazon, Walmart, PetSmart), Magic Erasers, Dryer Sheets, Sponges, Scrubbing Pads, Cat and Dog Toys, and Small Fleece Blankets.

Oxford Hustlers Celebrate Heroes at County Fair

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Heroes Unite! This was the theme for the 2021 Johnson County Fair! The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club made a banner and participated in the parade to show our support for our heroes. The club's banner theme was "4-H Makes Us Heroes." Each member made a replica of themselves as a hero. For the parade, each club member chose a group of heroes to represent. Each person made a sign and dressed up as that hero. It is always very hot, but it is fun to be part of the parade. The Oxford Hustlers had a great time at the fair as we celebrated our heroes!



Club Reporters, Your Article Can Be Featured Here!

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

REPORTER'S CORNER

The Ambassadors held their first leadership camp which was amazing! We had a great group of kids. The Ambassadors had a goal to teach the campers leadership and teamwork. At the camp there were a lot of games to teach leadership and how to work as a team. The first game was building a marshmallow tower with dry spaghetti noodles. We had four teams building towers and each had a leader. The rules were only the leader can talk but could not build the tower. The builders on the team could not talk. The goal was to have the tallest marshmallow tower. The campers learned how to trust their leader in this game!

Other games like Capture the Flag taught collaboration skills and trying different ideas. Campers learned communication skills playing the Human Knot.

The Science Matters group came by and talked about recycling and different types of composting.

By Kristen Kohn, Johnson County 4-H Ambassador



Oxford Hustlers Enjoy Educational Tour

By Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

Sound the alarms! The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club members visited the John B. Glaser Fire Station, the headquarters for the Shawnee Fire Department, for their Educational Tour. Every year, the club ties in the Educational Tour with the club projects. This year's club projects are Citizenship and Health. The fire station tour was given by Shawnee Firefighters Ryan and Braxton. One of the most interesting things we learned is that the majority of calls are medical related instead of actual fires. To be a good citizen, practice fire safety and alert others in the area if you see fire or smoke. In terms of health, the firefighters suggested seeing a physician if a burn blisters. Thank you to our firefighters who keep our community safe!



September

- 1-3 - Kansas State Fair Entry Drop-off at office
- 6 - Labor Day, office closed
- 7 - Kansas State Fair Food & Flower Entry Drop-off at office
 - Air Pistol SPIN Club registration opens
 - County Council meeting
- 10-19 - Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson
- 21 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Public Speaking (pre-registration required)
- 23 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Rocketry (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Textile Science (pre-registration required)
- 30 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Livestock (pre-registration required)

October

- 1 - New 4-H Year begins!
 - Club Organization Report due to office
 - National 4-H Conference applications due
 - Kansas 4-H Youth Council applications due
- 2 - Countywide Astronomy Project Activity at Powell Observatory (RSVP required)
- 5 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Science Learning (pre-registration required)
- 6-17 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Fundraiser
- 7 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Barn Quilts (pre-registration required)
- 9-10 - 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge
- 12 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Financial Literacy (pre-registration required)
- 13 - Record Book Judging
- 14 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group
 - Virtual Project Leader Training - Wildlife (pre-registration required)
- 21 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
- 28 - Air Pistol SPIN Club class (pre-registration required)
 - Countywide Sewing Group

Check out 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 15th 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 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

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13 at the Extension office. Please have at least two adult representatives from your club attend judging. Contact Johnson County 4-H staff with any questions.

Community Club Leader Meeting

Please join us Thursday, November 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Extension office for an opportunity to share updates, best practices and discuss how to enhance 4-H programming in Johnson County. Please have at least one club leader attend the meeting. Contact Olivia with questions or if your club cannot be represented at the meeting.

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.

Resources for 4-H Club Leaders

Club Leader Resource Page

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 www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/club-leader-resources/. 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 www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/.

Club Seal Requirements - As your club prepares to review and wrap up the 2020-2021 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.

Club Organization Report - The Organization Report is due in the office by October 1, 2021. This form is to be completed using information for the upcoming 2021-2022 4-H year.

There are also new resources available to support 4-H clubs at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/.

4-H EZ: Recipe for Community Club Success

This training 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.