



# The Clover Connection

News for 4-H Families in Johnson County

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## Difference Makers

Here is the proof that we are making a difference in the lives of youth in Johnson County. Research shows that youth development programs like 4-H play a special and vital role in the lives of America's young people. According to The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (PYD), youth have the capacity to thrive when presented with the resources for healthy development found in families, schools, and communities—regardless of background, socioeconomic status, race and gender.

The 4-H Study of PYD is the first research to show that the foundational characteristics of PYD—the five C's of competence, confidence, connection, character and caring—can be measured, enabling youth development

## Congratulations

Many awards were distributed at our recent 4-H Recognition Banquet. The top awards which were presented include the "I Dare You Award" to **Kayla Anstine** and **Micaela Fisk**. The Friend of 4-H Award was given to **Martha Bell** and the 4-H Family was awarded to the **Thad and Kelly Fleming family**.

programs to finally prove their success. It also shows that young people who participate in a high number of positive youth development activities are more likely to develop a sixth characteristic: contribution. Conversely, young people who have few or no opportunities for PYD are at higher risk for personal, social, and behavioral problems.

The study also confirms that 4-H youth are leaders, achieve higher marks in school, and contribute to self and society—all of which help strengthen the communities in which they live.

WOW—proof that 4-H can make such a huge difference in the lives of youth. Keep up the good work, Johnson County will continue to benefit from your work with the 4-H program.

We also had the honor of re-awarding the Missouri 4-H Hall of Fame to **Leslie Adams**. We will have youth representing Johnson County at the regional level with their Missouri Report Forms— **Angela Easter, Rachel Easter, Catie Hoemann, Zach Parsons, Kara Smith, Garrett Streit, Rylee Streit, and Alan Zvacek**.

## Pie Sales

Once again 4-H clubs in Johnson County are invited to participate in the county wide fundraiser, selling pies and other treats from Red Wheel Fundraising. Profits from the sales are divided equally between the participating clubs and the County 4-H Council, so you can support both with one effort!

The money for the 4-H Council is used to support scholarship to camps, recognition banquet, achievement day, leader training and many other 4-H opportunities. Sale brochures were picked up at the September Council meeting. **Orders (WITH PAYMENT) are due at the Extension Center no**

**later than November 3.** Food items will be delivered on **Saturday, November 21** following the 4-H Council meeting—just in time for the holidays! Please make sure someone picks up your order by noon on Saturday, we do not have freezer space!

## Johnson County 4-H Council Updates

### 4-H Council Meeting

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Johnson County 4-H Council will be **Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Extension Center. Pie sales will be ready for pick-up after the meeting. It is very important that your club is represented.

### Food Fair Committee Meeting

The 2010 Food Fair Committee will be meeting at **9:00 a.m.** right before the 4-H Council meeting on **November 21.** Plans will begin for the 2010 Food Fair. All those who have volunteered to help or are interested in keeping this program going need to attend.

### Small Animal Committee

The 2010 Small Animal Committee will have its organizational meeting on **Saturday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Johnson County Extension Center. Anyone interested in helping with the small animal show and workshop should plan on attending.

## Volunteer Training

There will be one opportunity in Johnson County for new volunteers or those few who have not completed the mandatory volunteer orientation to complete the training. Mark your calendars for **December 3 at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Johnson County Extension**

**Center.** Volunteers **MUST** complete this training and complete a volunteer application before working with 4-H members. This training will also be offered at the West Central Regional Energizer on January 30 in Blue Springs. The only other

option is to complete the training on-line. Please make sure all volunteers have completed the orientation. Once you have completed the orientation, you do not need to go through another volunteer orientation.

## Shooting Sports

The Johnson County Shooting Sports program is ready to begin! Those interested in participating in the countywide program and were not able to attend the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, will need to contact Matt Vessar (vessar@iland.net or 660-747-5716) for rifle and Chris or

Jeannie McClymond for archery (triplemoonfarm@netzero.net or 816-597-9477). Health form and parental permission slip must be turned into the Extension Center as soon as possible. The safety course will be offered **November 13, 7:00 p.m. at 306 Broad Street, Warrensburg.** Archery

will start with a fun shoot on November 1 (please RSVP to Jeannie). For those adults interested in helping the county shooting sports program, contact Jeannie, Matt or the Extension Center.

## Teen Conference

Are you interested in building even stronger leadership skills? If the answer is "yes," come to Teen Conference! Along with new skills, you'll learn about what's waiting for you as a 4-H teenager and meet other youth from across the

state. Your leaders on the State 4-H Council have planned this event. This event is exclusively for youth ages **12-13!** Cost is \$129, but with the scholarship from the Johnson County 4-H Council it is only **\$104** and t-

shirts can be pre-ordered at \$15 each. Registrations are due to the Extension Center no later than **December 1**. For more information and an application, contact the Extension Center.

## Committees Forming—Volunteer Needed!

It is time once again to get organized! The Johnson County 4-H Council committees are the backbone of our 4-H program and your help to make them successful is needed!! Organizing events such as Achievement Day, JR Long Fun

Activities, Awards Judging, Small Animal Show, Food Fair and Public Relations—just to name a few are in need of volunteers to make them happen. Every club should have volunteers on all committees! Committees needing volunteers

include: Achievement Day, Audit, Awards, Food Fair, JR Long Fun Nights, Public Relations, Small Animal, Petting Zoo, Nominating, and Expansion & Review. Please contact the Extension Center and let us know how you can help.

## On-Line Volunteer Training Option Now Available

There are still a few volunteers who have not completed the volunteer training. REMINDER—if you have not, you CANNOT work with members. If you have been unable to make it to the face to face training (December 3) you

can complete the Volunteer Orientation online. To take the course online go to <http://blackboard.missouri.edu> Select Login and for the user name use **\_kids** and the password is **volunteer**. Select "Yes" any time

the security information box appears to ask if you want to display non-secure items. Select the "Online 4-H Volunteer Orientation."

## Kansas City Global Conference

If your future includes a job or career be sure to sign up to attend the Kansas City 4-H Global Conference on **March 17-20, 2010**. This conference is for youth age **15 and older** who want to learn more about careers, technology, environment, and cultural diversity. Enjoy tours to Kansas City area business, corporations and service agencies that include the Board of Trade, Cerner Medical Systems Technology, Federal Express,

fashion industry, publishing, art and global photography, engineering, aviation, and much more. Participate in workshops that focus on topics such as veterinary medicine, geoscience engineering, international careers, journalism, dentistry, fashion, law, business, NASA, Drug Enforcement Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, and much more. Meet people from Denmark, Germany, Mexico, India, Japan, Gambia and points beyond

at an Ethnic Enrichment Festival that includes ethnic food, dance and crafts. The cost is \$270 with the Johnson County 4-H Council scholarship, it is **only \$220**. Youth may attend this conference no more than two times if they meet the age requirement.

Visit <http://www.4h.missouri.edu/events/globalconf/> for more details and registration. Registration due no later than **December 1**.

# NOVEMBER 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 Pie Sales Due WITH money	4	5	6 Office Closed	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Office Closed Shooting Sports 740 Class	14 Camp Food & Fitness United Way Chili Cook-off
15 Camp Food & Fitness	16	17	18	19	20 Office Closed	21 4-H Council & Pie Sales
22	23 Extension Council	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
29	30					

# DECEMBER 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Teen Conference & KC Global Conf. Reg. Due	2	3 Volunteer Orientation	4 Office Closed	5 4-H Council Officer Retreat	
6	7	8	9	10	11 Office Closed	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Office Closed	19
20	21	22	23	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# JANUARY 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Happy New Year, Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Office Closed	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Office Closed	16 4-H Council & Committees
17	18 Office Closed, MLK Day	19	20	21	22 Office Closed	23
24	25	26	27	28 Livestock Committee	29 Office Closed	30 Regional Energizer
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