The Clinton Eagles 4-H Club once again enjoyed making gingerbread houses to donate to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Gingerbread Festival and Auction. For the past nine years, members have gathered in November to create special gingerbread houses.

The 4-H club provides the base boards, graham crackers, and icing. A huge smorgasbord of candy is shared as construction takes place. Members then take their creations to the festival where they are judged for prizes. All the houses are sold at the silent auction. Selected entries are auctioned off to the highest bidder. All the funds raised help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County.

This is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for club members as well as a great way to support the community. Great job, Clinton Eagles 4-H!
For almost thirty years, the Four Leaf Clover 4-H Club has maintained their tradition of making ornaments and decorating a tree for the Lawrence Festival of Trees. This year Jayhawk 4-H Club joined the festivities. A music theme was chosen and actual musical scores were used to create the garland, tree topper, and ornaments. Wooden sleighs and stamped wooden circles along with pine cones completed the Jingle Bell theme.

Work days were held to complete the decorations. Club members enjoy doing this each year. It is a great way for members to help provide funds for The Shelter, Inc. and the work that they do to help children at risk in Douglas County and northeast Kansas. Great job, Four Leaf Clover and Jayhawk 4-H Clubs.

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**68th Annual Bromelsick Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**2:00-4:00 pm**

**Royal Crest Lanes**

**933 Iowa St, Lawrence, KS**

**One ticket will cover bowling shoes, ball and games**

Bring a new, unwrapped toy or cash donation for Toys for Tots.

Tickets are available at **no charge** to each registered 4-H, Boy Scout, and Girl Scout member. You may come as a troop with a leader, or accompanied by a parent following adult/youth supervision rules of your organization. A treat will be provided at the end of the day.

Tickets are available at [http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/](http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/)
4-H STEM Workshop

January, 2 from 8:30 am-Noon at the Dreher Family 4-H Building

Come explore the world of science through a series of STEM related challenges. Youth ages 7-9 are welcome!

Registration is $10. Registration will close on Friday, December 20. Space is limited! Sign up today at: https://tinyurl.com/srog9a4

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4-H Robotics Workshop

January, 2 from 1-5 pm at the Dreher Family 4-H Building

Come learn about robotic programming through a series of challenges using Dash and EV3 LEGO Robots. Youth ages 10 and older are welcome!

Registration is $10. Registration will close on Friday, December 20. Space is limited! Sign up today at: https://tinyurl.com/qutfddo
4-H Community Conversations: Youth Open Forum

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020
1:00- 5:00 pm
Dreher Family 4-H Building
Douglas County Fairgrounds
2110 Harper Street
Lawrence, KS 66046

All youth in grades 6-12, Extension agents, and adult volunteers are welcome!

Kansas 4-H and the K-State Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy invite youth to use their leadership and communication skills to learn how to have tough conversations that matter. The topic for this forum will be mental health in America.

4-H Community Conversations offer youth the opportunity to join together to deliberate in an open forum, to make choices with others about ways to approach difficult issues and have tough conversations to work toward creating reasoned public judgment for the common good.

This event is FREE! Space is limited. To reserve your spot please register by Thursday, January 9. Sign up today at www.tinyurl.com/4Hcommunityconversations

For questions contact Kaitlyn Peine at kpeine@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.
2020 Northeast 4-H Leadership Event

The Northeast 4-H Leadership Event is designed for adults, volunteers, and future and present day leaders ages 12 - 18! This event will help to create leadership and communication skills, with class leaders from all over the state of Kansas. The day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and the program to follow at 10:00 a.m. The afternoon will include two class sessions, small group gatherings, and an amazing guest speaker!

If you’re looking for a one day leadership experience to learn new leadership skills, meet new friends and receive new ideas to take back to your club, don’t miss this opportunity!

When: Saturday, January 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Where: Rock Spring 4-H Center - Heritage Hall, 1168 Highway K157, Junction City, KS 66441
Dress Code: Casual
Cost: $25

For additional information and to register go to http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html
Registration deadline is January 3, 2020

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Scholarship Opportunity

If you are between the ages of 10 and 16 by February 1st of the current year(2020) and interested in beekeeping, this scholarship opportunity is a great way to get started!

The NEKBA scholarship award includes a one - year NEKBA membership, a beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook, complete set of woodenware for a new hive, a package of honeybees or nucleus colony for a starter hive, basic gear, and mentoring by a NEKBA member for one year.

For more information please go to http://www.nekba.org/scholarship.html. The NEKBA application deadline is December 31, 2019.

County Wide 4-H Poultry Clinic

Are you enrolled in the poultry project or interested in the poultry project? There will be a county - wide 4-H poultry clinic on Sunday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Dreher Family 4-H Building located on the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This hands-on clinic will focus on poultry management and best practices for your birds. Please RSVP to nharding@ksu.edu by January 17th!
A Day on the Farm
A Day on the Farm, formerly known as Slice of Ag is a program hosted by K-State Research and Extension - Douglas County for over 900 Douglas County fourth graders. A Day on the Farm helps youth make the connection between the food they eat and production agriculture. A Day on the Farm will be January 30 & 31, 2020.

4-H’ers interested in teaching a rotation or assisting with A Day on the Farm should contact Mallory Meek at mgmeek@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.

4-H PROJECT SKILL-A-THON
Come enjoy a day of hands-on activities and projects while having fun learning new skills. Bring a friend along and show them what 4-H is all about! Youth will have the opportunity to experience hands-on activities related to various project areas as we complete the activities as a group.

Recommended ages are 5 - 12. We encourage youth 13 and older to volunteer in order to gain leadership and citizenship experience! 4-H’ers interested in teaching a rotation or interested in assisting, should contact Nickie at nharding@ksu.edu.

When: January 20, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where: Dreher Family 4-H Building
Cost: $10.00 (Payable to Douglas County Extension) Lunch Provided
Registration Due: January 13 by 5:00 p.m.

All participants must pre-register here: https://tinyurl.com/dg4hskillathon2020

Registration is limited to the first 30 youth! (Additional individuals will be added to a waiting list.)

Douglas County 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Applications for the Douglas County 4-H Foundation Scholarships will be available after December 9 at the Extension office and on the Douglas County website http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/. Completed applications must be returned to the Douglas County Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m., January 24, 2020. Requirements and additional information are provided with the applications.

If you have questions, please contact Kaitlyn Peine, Carol Taul, or Pam Heikes at the Extension office, 785-843-7058.

Kansas 4-H Foundation Scholarships
Scholarship applications for the State 4-H Scholarships are due to the Douglas County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., January 24, 2020.

The State 4-H Scholarships can be found at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html.
2020 Citizenship In Action

Citizenship in Action is an opportunity for youth to learn about the legislative process, and for legislators to see the positive impacts of 4-H. By encouraging involvement of 4-H members and government officials, the Youth Council hopes to develop a platform for communication between 4-H members and law-makers.

Citizenship in Action will be on February 16 and 17 in Topeka. This event is open to all youth 13-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. Sunday will feature time at the Capitol, legislative sessions, and a dinner and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Monday is reserved for delegates to meet with their legislators.

Hotel accommodations will be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel next to the Kansas Expo Center. Housing costs will be included in the registration fee and rooms will be assigned. The registration fee will be announced soon.

Scholarships for this event are also available through the Douglas County 4-H Council. The application is posted at: https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/docs/4h/scholarshipinfo/douglascocouncil%20scholarship.pdf.

To register for CIA visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html to complete the online registration process by February 1. In order for conference registration to be complete, the registration fee needs to be submitted to the Douglas County Extension Office by February 1. Checks should be made payable to the Douglas County Extension Council.

Cancellation Policy: The State 4-H Office will charge a $25 cancellation fee to any participant who registers for an event and cancels before the registration deadline. Participants who cancel after the registration deadline will be accountable for the entire registration fee.

2020 YQCA For Livestock Exhibitors
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

New for the 2020 Douglas County Fair, all 4-H’ers exhibiting a food producing animal will be required to complete the YQCA training. Food producing animals include: beef (including bucket calf), swine, sheep, meat & dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry, and meat rabbits. YQCA is designed as an educational tool and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character development for youth ages 7–19. As a result of this program, we hope youth leave with a better understanding of their livestock project and how to produce a healthy and safe food product.

Youth may complete the online training for $12/child or attend and complete an in-person training for $3/child. Any 4-H’er who is seven years old must attend an in-person training. A young person’s YQCA certification is valid for one year. Participants will receive a completion certificate which is necessary for county fair pre-entries.

The Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KJLS will require all exhibitors to complete YQCA to be eligible to exhibit in the 2020 livestock shows.

For more information go to https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/youth-livestock/YQCA.html

For questions regarding YQCA contact Mallory Meek, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, at 785-843-7058 or mgmeek@ksu.edu
The goal and purpose of County Club Day is as follows:

1. Demonstrate the benefits and opportunities provided through 4-H by showcasing the 4-H’ers themselves.

2. Give 4-H’ers an opportunity to learn skills and gain confidence in their abilities to exercise parliamentary procedure, speak effectively, and give creative performances in the arts.

3. Place special emphasis on core 4-H skills such as parliamentary skills and oral presentations.

4. Give 4-H’ers an opportunity to participate as an individual, as part of a small group or team, and as part of a large group or club.

5. Recognize 4-H’ers and help them grow their skills by measuring all performances against a published standard of excellence (Danish system).

6. Recognize top performers by selecting them for further competition at Regional 4-H Club Day for events with regional categories and/or the State Fair for demonstrations/illustrated talks for competitors 10 and older (American system).

Regional Club Day: Top presenters and performers may be selected to participate at the Regional 4-H Club Day Competition.

County Club Day will be Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Registration will be available February 1 for County Club Day at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. Under the Club Day heading. All registrations for county club day will be processed online. Please refer to the individual and group registration links under the club day heading for additional information.

**Career Research Presentation**

**Objective(s):** 4-H’ers will learn about a career that is new to them. They will research what training or education that career requires, potential salary, job outlook and what the work environment would be like.

4-H’ers would then be able to explain what they find out about the career they researched and articulate the positive and negatives of that career.

**Time Limit:** Senior 3 minutes maximum

**Guidelines:**

1.) There will be one age division: Senior ages 14-18.
2.) This is an Individual event, no teams.
3.) One page research summary is to be handed to the judge at the beginning of presentation. Judge will keep the paper.
4.) Summary should be one page, typed in a 10-12 pt. Arial or Times New Roman Font and double spaced.
5.) 4-H’er needs to document the sources of their information on the back of their summary or on another sheet of paper. Sources will also be given to judge.

**Resources:** Research Outline tool and guidelines can be accessed on the Douglas County 4-H website at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html in the 4-H Club Day Guidelines 2020.
**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Project Talk**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
What: Tell of their actual project experience or promote a project.
Visuals: Not required.
Time: Maximum of 5 minutes.

**Public Speaking**
Who: 14 years and older.
What: Original presentation on topic of interest to 4-H’er.
Visuals: Lecture may be provided
Time: Maximum of 15 minutes.

**Oral Interpretation**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Prose or poetry - gestures, facial expressions, and voice matters.
Visuals: None
Time: Junior or Intermediate - maximum of 5 minutes.
Senior - maximum of 10 minutes.

**Demonstration**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Defined as a “show how” process involving doing or making something while giving an explanation.
Visuals: Use of actual items, supplies, equipment, people or animals while going through a process.
Other: Should have a finished project to show.
Time: Junior or Intermediate - maximum of 10 minutes.
Senior - maximum of 15 minutes.

**Illustrated Talk**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Defined as a “tell how” process.
Visual: Required in the “telling how”.
Other: Use of posters, charts, models, graphs, etc. to aid in emphasizing a point or to add interest while telling how to do something.
Time: Junior or Intermediate - maximum of 10 minutes.
Senior - maximum of 15 minutes.

**Show & Share**
Who: 7-10 years old, in their 1st or 2nd year of 4-H Cloverbuds
What: A talk about any 4-H related project or item.
Visuals: Props or posters may be used.
Other: Is a non-competitive event.
Time: Maximum of 5 minutes.

**Multimedia Presentations**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Use of one or more original electronic medias to present about a project.
Visuals: Must be original work of the 4-H’er.
Time: Junior and Intermediate - maximum of 10 minutes
Senior - maximum of 15 minutes

**Impromptu**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: A member selects a topic. They are given 5 minutes to prepare their speech.
Other: 4-H’er is given a notecard and a pencil in order to write notes to use for reference during the speech. No other notes may be used.
Visuals: No visuals or props may be used.
Time: Maximum of 5 minutes

**Historical Speech**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Excerpt from a speech.
Other: Introduction must state who originally gave the speech and when it was given.
Visuals: None, encouraged to dress as the original speaker.
Time: Junior and Intermediate - maximum of 10 minutes
Senior - maximum of 15 minutes

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES**

**Model Meeting**
Who: The group may be composed of 4-H members and leaders.
What: Depicts a typical monthly meeting of a 4-H Club.
The meeting may be designed to suit the needs and interests of 4-H Club members.
Other: More than one club can be represented. Only one secretary’s book needs to be presented to the judge.
Time: Maximum of 35 minutes, excluding roll call time.

**Gavel Games**
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Teams of four or five 4-H’ers:
President, Vice-President (program chairman),
Secretary, Treasurer and alternate, who give an oral presentation as a group and take a written test individually.
Other: Younger members can compete in a higher level.
Time: Maximum of 30 minutes for test and presentation.
MUSIC

Chorus
Who: 12 or more 4-H’ers from one club or it may be a composite group from two or more clubs.
Selection: Two numbers
Other: Original copy of music with measures numbered must be given to judge before performing.
Singing can be with or without accompaniment.

Band or Orchestra
Who: 12 or more 4-H'ers.
Selections: Two numbers.
Other: Original copy of conductor’s scores with measures numbered must be given to the judge before playing.

Vocal Ensemble
Who: 2 to 11 4-H’ers, not including the accompanist.
Selection: Two numbers
Other: Original copy of music with measures numbered must be given to the judge before playing.

Vocal Solo
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
Selection: One number
Other: Original copy of music with measures numbered must be given to the judge before playing.

Instrumental Ensemble
Who: 2 to 11 4-H’ers, not including the accompanist.
Selection: Two numbers
Other: Original copy of music with measures numbered must be given to the judge before playing.

Instrumental Solo and Piano
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
Selection: One number
Other: Original copy of music with measures numbered must be given to the judge before playing.

DANCE

Solo Dance
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: May be any style of dance
Visual: Costumes optional, props as needed, no sets
Other: Provide accompaniment with own playback equipment
Time: Maximum of 7 minutes.

Ensemble Dance
Who: 2-11 4-H’ers
What: May be any style of dance
Visual: Costumes optional, props as needed, no sets
Other: Provide accompaniment with own playback equipment
Time: Maximum of 7 minutes.

Group Dance
Who: 12 or more 4-H’ers
What: May be any style of dance
Visual: Costumes optional, props as needed, no sets
Other: Provide accompaniment with own playback equipment
Time: Maximum of 7 minutes.

DRAMATICS

One-Act Play
Who: Any number of members.
What: Entries are limited strictly to one-act plays. Only one setting is allowed. The curtain may be dropped to denote the passing of time. A change of setting is not permitted during the drop of the curtain.
Time: Maximum of 45 minutes including set up and tear down time.
Other: Costumes needed.
Provide title and writing credits to the judge.

Solo or Duo Acting
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Original material or material from a published source.
Time: Maximum of 10 minutes, including set up and tear down.
Other: Costumes optional. Props as needed.
Provide title and writing credits to the judge.

Solo Novelty Performance
Who: Junior 7-9 years old.
Intermediate 10-13 years old.
Senior 14 years and older.
What: Miscellaneous grouping that may include talent such as novelty numbers, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, or other types of talent.
Time: Maximum of 10 minutes including set up and tear down.
Other: Costumes optional. Props as needed.

Group Novelty Performance
Who: Groups of 2 or more 4-H’ers
What: Novelty or stunt, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist, animal acts, etc.; may include original material.
Time: Maximum of 10 minutes including set up and tear down.
Other: Costume optional. Props as needed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 785-843-7058.
**IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE**

**4-H Online Enrollment - DUE DECEMBER 1**
Bromelsick Christmas Party - December 8, 2:00 p.m., Royal Crest Lanes
Extension Office Closed - December 23 – 25
Stem Workshop - January 2, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Robotics Workshop - January 2, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
4-H Community Conversation Workshop - January 12, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Northeast 4-H Leadership Event - January 18, Rock Spring 4-H Center
County-Wide Poultry Clinic - January 19, 1:30 p.m., Dreher Family 4-H Bldg
Project Skill-a-thon - January 20, 9:00 a.m., Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
State and County Scholarship Applications Due - January 24, Extension Office
A Day on the Farm - January 30 - January 31, Community Bldg.
Citizenship In Action - February 16 - 17, Topeka
County 4-H Club Day - March 7, Douglas County Fairgrounds

**Happy Holidays**

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