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# 4-H News

## Meadowlark District

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Vet Med ROCKS Camps



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### Premium Sale Requirements

Any 4-H member wishing to participate in premium auctions at county fair, need to annually complete the premium sale requirement form. This form was reviewed last year to put emphasis on virtual opportunities, serving as satisfactory replacement for in-person activities where applicable. The process encourages year-round 4-H engagement and involvement. FFA member (in counties where eligible for fairs) have a corresponding set of requirements. To review the form please visit: <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>

### Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp

The Farm to Fashion Camp exposes middle and high school students to the sheep and wool industries through a highly hands-on and interactive camp experience.

This five-day camp introduces students to the fashion supply chain, sustainable fiber and fashion processes, and sheep husbandry. The camp includes opportunities for campers to interact directly with sheep and sheep farmers, as well as have hands-on experiences with activities such as spinning, dyeing, weaving, and fashion design.

On the last day of the camp, students will travel to visit a working sheep farm in the heart of the Flint Hills.

The camp is at Kansas State University Sheep and Meat Goat Facility from **June 26-30**. The program is free of charge to students, but it should be noted that overnight accommodations and food are not provided.

For more information and to register, please visit: <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/idfs/about/events/farmtofashioncamp/>.

### Vet Med ROCKS Camp

K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving elementary, middle school, high school and college students an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2023 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps.

**July 30** will be a virtual day of presentations and at-home activities for high school and college students. These campers will then attend in person on **July 31** for hands-on labs with faculty and vet med student camp counselors throughout the day. **Aug. 1** will be an in-person camp for middle school students entering sixth through eighth grades, and **August 2** is an in-person camp for grade school students entering the fourth and fifth grades.

Registration is now open, and scholarships are available for each camp session. Visit this site for registration and more information: <https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/rocks/>.

## State 4-H Horse Judging

The contest will be held in the same format that was offered last year. Scheduled for **June 15** in Salina, it will be directly following the KSU Advanced Horse Judging Camp that will be held **June 13-14** and Beginner Camp is **June 14** in Manhattan. The camp is open to 4-H and non 4-H members. 4-Hers will then be able to use these skills and apply them on Thursday for the contest. Any non-4-Hers, such as FFA groups, that attend the camp and would like to use this as a practice contest are welcome to do so but will not be eligible for awards. State Horse Judging Contest information, including registration and rules, is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>. Judging Camp information can be found at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>. Registration is to be done by Coaches only, and can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html> and is due **May 15**.

## State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is tentatively planned for Saturday, **August 12** on the campus of Kansas State University. Registration information will be updated on this site: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html>. Agents you must login to find registration information. Registration is due Monday, **August 1**. The study material is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. There will also be some written study material which will be updated in May. Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

## Summer STEM Camps

2023 Washburn University STEM Camp. This is a one week residential camp for middle school students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade this **fall**.

<https://www.washburn.edu/academics/college-schools/applied-studies/departments/education/files/STEM-camp-application.pdf>

2023 MAGIC (Mentoring A Girl In Construction) Camp in Topeka. This is a one week day camp for high school girls in Topeka. <https://highways.dot.gov/public-roads/spring-2020/experiencing-magic-kansas>

Both camps are provided FREE to participants. There are daily activities and field trips. The field trips are unique opportunity that cannot otherwise be accessed by the public. For more information please contact Deb Dillner at 785-250-4230 or call the Extension Office at 785-364-4125.

## \*NEW\* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for Frostings & Fillings at Kansas State Fair

Please note that there is a \*NEW\* 4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for the 2023 Kansas State Fair. The new rule is as follows:

- For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>.

While the concept has been encouraged and taught in previous years, it has not been a required item or stated in the rules. It has been added to the [2023 4-H Kansas State Fairbook](#). Please continue to stress the importance of the safety of frostings and fillings at all fairs and clarify that this new rule will be enforced at the 2023 Kansas State Fair in the 4-H Foods Division.

Questions may be directed towards Amy Sollock at [asollock@ksu.edu](mailto:asollock@ksu.edu) or Karen Blakeslee at [kblakesl@ksu.edu](mailto:kblakesl@ksu.edu).

## Meadowlark District Shooters Heading to National Events

The 4-H shooters in Meadowlark District have been busy practicing and attending shooting sports matches to qualify for State and National events. The practice has paid off as both Bullmasters and Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports. They will be sending teams to Daisy Nationals in Rogers, Arkansas in July. The Bullmasters also have a shooter that has qualified to attend 4-H Nationals in small-bore rifle in Grand Island, Nebraska in June.

Fundraising efforts are in full swing to help the families pay for the trips. Bullmasters are looking for sponsors. All sponsors will be listed on the back of Daisy National Team's shirts. There are 3 level of sponsors that will also be station sponsors for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sporting Clays shoot in October. The 3 levels are Gold (\$1,000 or more), Silver (\$500-\$1,000), and Bronze (\$250-\$500). If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the Bullmasters' shooters, please contact on of the shooters or coaches. The Jefferson County team is also working on fundraising to attend Daisy Nationals. For more information email [jeffersoncountybb@gmail.com](mailto:jeffersoncountybb@gmail.com) for more information, or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JeffCoNationalBBTeam/>.

Cassie Fund is attending 4-H Nationals in Grand Island, NE **June 25-30**. To qualify to be on the team, Cassie had to place in the top 4 at the State Small-bore match that was held in October. She will begin practicing with the other 3 shooters from across the state in May to prepare for the week long competition.



Bullmaster shooters heading to Daisy Nationals. Back row (L to R): Nate Fund, Hanna Myers, Zane Claycamp, Evan Schaller and William Beauchamp. Front row (L to R): Cassie Fund, Macyn Nelson and Seth Simpson. Not pictured: Taylor Bienhoff, Tylie Bienhoff and Gage Schultz.



Members of the Jefferson County 4-H BB Team members competing at Daisy Nationals include: Back row from left, Bentley Weishaar, Theodore Weishaar, KayLee Meyer, Aurora Hoffman, and Billy Kabus. Front row from left: Ian Hoffman, Harlee Selens, Cooper Smith, and Mason Baker.

## Champions Livestock Judging Camp

This is a three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. The camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Camp participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision-making process.

Camp A - **June 5-7** (Monday-Wednesday)

Camp B - **June 12-14** (Monday-Wednesday)

Camp C - **June 15-17** (Thursday-Saturday)

Youth Registration Fee: \$350 | Chaperone Registration Fee: \$100

Registration form can be found at: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

## Kansas 4-H Officials Estimate \$20.8M Impact of Volunteers in the State

The numbers are staggering.

- In 2022, the Kansas 4-H office reported a five-year average of 6,442 volunteers that have supported its youth programs, providing expert guidance on such projects as sewing, shooting sports, livestock, rocketry and nearly three dozen other pursuits.
- Sarah Maass, director of the Kansas 4-H program, <https://kansas4-h.org>, cited a study reporting that volunteers donate an average nine hours per month, or an estimated 695,736 hours annually to Kansas' largest youth development program.
- Also in 2022, Independent Sector – a coalition of nonprofits, foundations and corporate giving programs – released findings indicating that the value of one volunteer hour in the United States is \$29.95.
- Doing the math, the annual contribution of volunteers to the Kansas 4-H program tops \$20.8 million.
- Recognizing that impact, the Kansas 4-H program is joining in National Volunteer Week, a national celebration for non-profit groups set for April 16-22 to recognize the contributions of those who donate their time to worthy causes.
- “Volunteers have a passion to bring their time and knowledge to 4-H youth,” said Bob Harlan, a retired engineer for the Landoll Corporation in Marysville, now living in Manhattan.
- Statistics don't always bear out the passion of volunteers like Harlan, who began as a project leader in the Hanover 4-H Club when his daughter wanted to participate in the photography project.
- “Three or four years later, I was asked to be a countywide project leader,” he said. “My wife, Annette, was co-leader with me and we continued that until 2013. When the River Valley District was formed (in northcentral Kansas), all in that district were invited to our project meetings. In 1989, I joined the photography action team and am still a member of that team today.”
- Ray Bartholomew of Hutchinson is the Reno County 4-H shooting sports coordinator and has been the countywide project club leader for 27 years.
- “I have a passion for working with youth and providing the basics of safety and fundamentals of the shooting sports disciplines,” said Bartholomew, who worked for the USDA Farm Service Agency for 38 years prior to retirement.
- Bartholomew said he has obtained national Level II certification in archery and coordinator, and state Level I certification in archery, coordinator, hunting skills, pistol, rifle and western heritage/cowboy action. “Prior to 4-H certification training,” he said, “I had limited background, particularly as it relates to competitive shooting events.”
- Bartholomew estimates he has volunteered more than 1,500 hours per year to Kansas 4-H...for 23 years.
- Harlan's interest in photography was self-taught; he was asked to take pictures for advertising as part of his job. As he became involved in volunteering for 4-H, “I expanded my knowledge of photography to stay ahead of the youth.”
- “Now,” he adds, “photography is one of my main hobbies.”
- Information on how to volunteer for Kansas 4-H is available at <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/statewide-locations.html> or by contacting the state 4-H office at 785-532-5800.
- Maass lauded Kansas' volunteers, noting they “add a tremendous amount of public value to our programs and the other organizations they serve.”
- “From my perspective, the 4-H program's success is centered around being able to recruit and retain qualified adult volunteers,” Bartholomew said. “With the vast variety of projects, no one 4-H agent would be expected to have the skill set nor the time to provide instruction and guidance for all projects.”
- “Volunteers are key to expanding the impact of 4-H in the community.”

## 2004-2005 Tidbits

Price of gas: \$2.34/gallon in 2005

Price of a loaf of bread: \$2.09/loaf

Price of eggs: \$1.49/dozen

Price of milk: \$3.23/gallon

Price of ground beef: \$3.49/lb.

Heinz Ketchup was \$1.39 for a 14 oz bottle

Butter: \$4.99/pound

5 lbs of white potatoes: \$1.99

Average price of cinema movie ticket:

Top Girl Baby Names in 2004: : Emily, Emma, Madison, Abigail & Olivia

Top Boy Baby Names in 2004: Jacob, Michael, Joshua, Matthew & Ethan

Top Grossing Movies: Shrek 2, Spider-Man 2

Top Song: We Belong Together by Mariah Carey

U.S. President: George W. Bush

U.S. Vice-President: Dick Cheney

### Top Events:

- Ronald Reagan-the 40th U.S. president-passed away in 2004.
- The biggest solar proton storm in 15 years erupted in space, and astronomers discovered the dwarf planet Eris.
- Hurricane Katrina made landfall on Florida and Louisiana—particularly in the city of New Orleans—and caused catastrophic damage from central Florida to eastern Texas.
- New York City's Transport Workers Union Local 100 went on strike, shutting down all New York City subway and bus services for three days.
- A December ice storm caused extensive damage across the southern U.S.
- Cristeta Comerford became the first woman to serve as White House Executive Chef.
- The world's largest passenger plane—the Airbus A380—took to the skies from Toulouse-Blagnac airport in France. Rhys Lewis tells us that the A380 "boasts 40% more floor space than Boeing's current largest plane and can carry 853 passengers in an all-economy class configuration."
- Mark Zuckerberg launched Facebook from a Harvard dorm room in 2004.
- YouTube and Reddit were both launched in 2005.
- Starbucks opened its 10,000th coffeehouse.
- The cardboard box was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame in 2005.
- Star Wars Episode III; Revenge of the Sith was the most popular film.
- American Idol (Fox) was the top TV show.
- The Broker was the best-selling fiction book.
- Top-grossing Broadway shows included Mamma Mia! and The Lion King.
- In 2005, Dan Rather retired from CBS Evening News, and Ted Koppel retired from ABC's Nightline.
- Most popular search terms on Ask.com included: President Bush, Usher, Lindsay Lohan, pregnancy, Star Wars & NHL.

### Sports:

- The New England Patriots were the Super Bowl champs.
- The Boston Red Sox won the World Series in 2004 & Chicago White Sox won the World Series in 2005.
- Giacomo won the Kentucky Derby.

# Senior Spotlights



## Jackson County



**Name** – Aiden Baumchen

**School Currently Attending** – Rossville Jr./Sr. High School

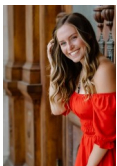
**4-H Club** - Delia Early Birds

**Favorite project and why** – Woodworking because I love to work and build.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Fair and State Fair

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I’ve learned that somethings really take time and effort throughout your life.

**Future plans** – My plan is to enter the work force and attend Northern Colorado Real Estate college.



**Name** – Faith Noel Bloom

**School Currently Attending** – Wetmore Academic Center

**4-H Club** - Soldier Boosters

**Favorite project and why** – Beef Project - I enjoy each year feeding and working with my steers for the fair and seeing how each year is different. Some years your steers are more difficult than others, but I sure do enjoy this project.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Hands down the Fair. I love the time spent with friends and family.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Leadership is a skill that I have grown with due to 4-H. I am more outgoing and able to speak in front of people. I love helping others, especially the young 4-Hers and watching their excitement for 4-H grow.

**Future plans** – My future plans are to attend K-State in the fall. I would like a career that works with animals. I am very interested in starting my own business as a pet groomer.



**Name** – Josie Buck

**School Currently Attending** – Jackson Heights High School

**4-H Club** - Soldier Boosters

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is photography because it allows me to capture God’s creation and view various aspects of life and the world through a lens.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event would be the fair, because it is a time when I get to hang out with my friends, meet new people and experience new opportunities.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned to never let your failures discourage you, because you never know what victories you can win from the challenges and failures you’ve faced.

**Future plans** – I plan on attending Kansas State University to receive a dual major Master’s degree in Bakery and Milling Sciences.



**Name** – Emma Deghand

**School Currently Attending** – Royal Valley High School

**4-H Club** - Hoyt Livewires

**Favorite project and why** – Leadership; it gives me community service opportunity.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Fair

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Being a leader and my love for agriculture.

**Future plans** – Attend K-State in the fall to study Animal Science, pre-vet major.



# Senior Spotlights cont.

## Jackson County cont.



**Name** – Haden Doyle

**School Currently Attending** – Jackson Heights High School

**4-H Club** - Straight Arrows

**Favorite project and why** – Beef because it is how we make a living.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Fair

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Accurate record taking on cost of gain and break-evens.

**Future plans** – K-State University with major in Agri-business and minor in Farm and Ranch Management.



**Name** – Cassie Fund

**School Currently Attending** – Rossville Jr./Sr. High School

**4-H Club** - Delia Early Birds

**Favorite project and why** – Shooting Sports because it allowed me to meet and become friends with people throughout the county that I would not have met otherwise.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – County Fair because I get to exhibit what I have been working on all year and hang out with my friends.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Integrity is crucial.

**Future plans** – Attend Highland Community College to study sociology and criminology.



**Name** – Olivia Rickel

**School Currently Attending** – Royal Valley High School

**4-H Club** - Hoyt Livewires

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is the Beef project because it takes a lot of hard work. It feels really good to earn money from my project and have my hard work pay off. I also love bonding with my steers and seeing all of their different personalities.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is the Barnyard Olympics because it is fun getting all the members involved, and it is fun being goofy with the activities.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned that hard work and dedication can help you benefit in the long run. If you work hard towards something, you will be successful and learn a lot of lessons.

**Future plans** – I will dual major at K-State University in Animal Science and Feed Science.



**Name** – Abby Robinson

**School Currently Attending** – Royal Valley High School

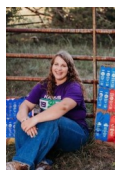
**4-H Club** - Mayetta Mustangs

**Favorite project and why** – Photography, It's relaxing.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Club Easter Egg Hunt

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Accountability & importance of scheduling from feeding & carrying for animals.

**Future plans** – Attending K-State for Ag Business



**Name** – Karoline Tannahill

**School Currently Attending** – Holton High School

**4-H Club** - Soldier Boosters

**Favorite project and why** – Photography is my favorite project because I love shooting different angles when taking pictures.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Barnyard Olympics is my favorite event.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned leadership, public speaking, hard work, cooking/baking, photography skills and customer service skills.

**Future plans** – I am attending Peru State College and going to major in Elementary Education.

# Senior Spotlights

## Jefferson County



**Name** – Garrett D. Casto

**School Currently Attending** – Jefferson West High School

**4-H Club** - Fairview

**Favorite project and why** – Woodworking has been my favorite project. I like to make cool things. I have made indoor and outdoor furniture. I also made a barn door to replace a broken door.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The county fair has always been my favorite 4-H event. Showing off my projects is fun, but hanging out with my friends is the best part.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Public speaking

**Future plans** – To be an electrician. I have been in the energy management project and learned a lot. I also attended Vo-Tech receiving a certification in the electrical program.



**Name** – Samantha Clark

**School Currently Attending** – Valley Falls High School

**4-H Club** - Valley Victors

**Years in 4-H:** 11



**Name** – Ella Gantz

**School Currently Attending** – McLouth High School

**4-H Club** - Billtown

**Favorite project and why** – Swine - their personality. I enjoy watching them change and feeding them to become a better animal.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – State fair, fair food & the memories

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Public speaking and keeping to a routine.

**Future plans** – Allen County Community College, Ag Business. Scholarship—Livestock Judging.



**Name** – Haley Nellis

**School Currently Attending** – Valley Falls High School

**4-H Club** - Valley Victors

**Favorite project and why** – Market Beef because I have learned the responsibility of raising my own animal.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The county fair because there are many different things going on and I get to hang out with my friends.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned many leadership qualities like responsibility. I will use this throughout college and my future jobs.

**Future plans** – Attend Kansas State University to major in Animal Science and Industry on the pre-vet route.



**Name** – Kaylee Noll

**School Currently Attending** – Oskaloosa High School

**4-H Club** - Jolly Juniors

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is Dog Care & Training. I enjoy serving as a Junior Leader and watching younger kids grow to love the project as much as I do!

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is the State dog show. There is nothing more humbling and exciting than knowing all of your hard work has paid off!

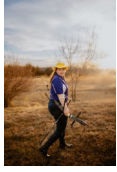
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Through 4-H, I have learned many valuable life lessons that I will use for the rest of my life such as leadership, public speaking and perseverance.

**Future plans** – I plan on attending Fort Hays State University on a rodeo and academic scholarship. I intend on majoring in agribusiness, as I simply want to make a difference in the industry.



# Senior Spotlights cont.

## Jefferson County cont.



**Name** – Elsie Smith

**School Currently Attending** – Perry  
Lecompton High School

**4-H Club** - Grantville Circle G

**Favorite project and why** – Archery because it is something I can continue outside of 4-H and it is a good stress reliever.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – 4-H Carnival

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – To stop second guessing myself and to go with my gut.

**Future plans** – I plan to attend Washburn University for forensic chemistry. With that, I want to work in one of the government investigation agencies as a forensic chemist.



**Name** – Reagan Thayer

**School Currently Attending** – Perry  
Lecompton High School

**4-H Club** - Jolly Juniors

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is definitely the lamb project. I have been in this project for 8 years. It has taught me many skills about responsibility and taking care of animals properly. I love being able to compete against others during the fair and can't wait until this year's county fair.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – I love most events that involve 4-H. It helps me stay connected to the community through community service and I also get to have fun with members in my club. Overall though, I thoroughly enjoy the county fair. It's a great place to meet new and old friends while also helping 4-Hers that are in my project.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – 4-H has taught me a lot of things throughout the years, most of all responsibility and leadership. I have learned countless lessons that have helped me become a better leader for myself and others. I look forward to using these skills throughout my whole life.

**Future plans** – I plan to attend K-State University and major in either biochemistry or pre-vet.



## Nemaha County



**Name** – Trinity Detweiler

**School Currently Attending** – Sabetha High School

**4-H Club** - Busy Jayhawkers

**Favorite project and why** – Commissioner's Cookie Basket; it's fun finding new recipes that match a theme and getting to eat all of the trial runs.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The Fair; I get to spend a lot of time with friends from other schools that I've made through 4H.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – How to speak comfortably in front of a crowd.

**Future plans** – Going to Kansas State University and majoring in Human Development and Family Services with the goal of becoming a pediatric occupational therapist.



**Name** – Cayden Edelman

**School Currently Attending** – Nemaha  
Central High School

**4-H Club** – Pony Express

**Favorite project and why** – I enjoy working with them.

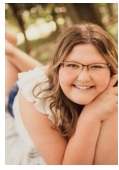
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – I get to see all my friends.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Every project takes a lot of time.

**Future plans** – Workforce

# Senior Spotlights cont.

## Nemaha County cont.



**Name** – Madelynn McClain

**School Currently Attending** – Centralia High School

**4-H Club** – Red Rustlers

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project was the flower arrangements because it lets me pick all these different flowers and colors and turn them into something even more beautiful, also using my creativity.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is Team Penning because it is something different and unique than you see in a rodeo. I love how both kids and adults can compete and of course getting to see all the horses.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – From 4-H, I have learned that leadership is key to everything and to always have hard work and determination for everything you do.

**Future plans** – Will be attending Bellus Academy for esthetics.



**Name** – Reid Plattner

**School Currently Attending** – Sabetha High School

**4-H Club** – Busy Jayhawkers

**Favorite project and why** – Woods. It's fun to make new projects each year that are lasting. My favorites were the dog house and paddleboard.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Swim night

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Keeping records (can't believe I'm saying it) and public speaking.

**Future plans** – Attend Manhattan Tech to become a Laboratory Technician.



**Name** – Davis Rokey

**School Currently Attending** – Sabetha High School

**4-H Club** – Busy Jayhawkers

**Favorite project and why** – Swine or Buymanship- I enjoy shopping for clothes. I also enjoy showing pigs.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – 4-H Fair- I met so many friends through 4-H and we get to hang out during the fair.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I learned how to talk in front of an audience and to present myself.

**Future plans** - I plan to attend Manhattan Christian College. I plan to play basketball and study Business.



**Name** – Julie Rottinghaus

**School Currently Attending** – Nemaha Central High School

**4-H Club** - HHHH

**Favorite project and why** – Dairy because it requires a certain level of responsibility and you can't just pawn it off on someone else.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The fair because it's fun and you get to mess around and just have fun for a few days.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I learned many different things throughout my 4-H experience one of which are personal and public speaking skills that I desperately needed.

**Future plans** – Will be attending Kansas Wesleyan where I will be majoring in biology and pre-med with plans to become a pediatrician.



**Name** – Alex Rowland

**School Currently Attending** – Wetmore High School

**4-H Club** – Red Rustlers

**Favorite project and why** – Swine, they have been a lot of fun to learn about and I enjoy showing them at the fair

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The fair, I get to see what everyone has been working on throughout the year and spend time with friends I don't normally see

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Record keeping

**Future plans** - I plan to attend Washburn Tech in the fall, where I will be in their HVAC program

# Senior Spotlights cont.

## Nemaha County cont.



**Name** – Lilly Schultejan

**School Currently Attending** – Nemaha Central High School

**4-H Club** – Kelly Twilighters

**Favorite project and why** – Foods Project; Baking is one of my favorite hobbies and I have learned a tremendous amount through this project.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – Fair Weekend; It is one of my favorite weekends of the year and I have made numerous friendships at the fair.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned the ability to answer questions quickly and effectively during food judging and this will help me in the future, specifically during interviews.

**Future plans** - I will be attending Kansas State University to major in Political Science on the pre-law track and then later attend law school.



**Name** – Hillary Stallbaumer

**School Currently Attending** – Nemaha Central High School

**4-H Club** - Achievers

**Favorite project and why** – Photography because I enjoy taking photos and seeing what other people have taken.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The fair because I enjoy seeing what everyone has been working on all year.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned how to effectively keep records.

**Future plans** – I plan to attend Kansas State University and study Music Education.



**Name** – Emily Strahm

**School Currently Attending** – Nemaha Central High School

**4-H Club** – Pony Express

**Favorite project and why** – Horse project, this project has opened so many doors in my life. It has also taught me so much about leadership and helping others.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The County Fair. I gained so many friends from the fair, that I know for certain I never would have had without the fair.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I would just say overall, leadership and speaking skills. I used to not be a very confident speaker at all, but 4-H has definitely helped me gain those skills.

**Future plans** - Attend South Dakota State University to ride on their Equestrian team and study Ag Business.



**Name** – Owen Strathman

**School Currently Attending** – Axtell High School

**4-H Club** - Achievers

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is beef. I enjoy being able to raise cattle and showing them. I especially enjoy the beef project as a steak on the dinner plate!

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is the fair, I enjoy being able to hangout with friends and see the work everyone has put in order to have a great fair and great exhibits.

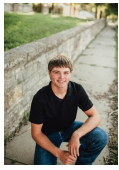
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Some of the biggest things 4-H has taught me is the importance of being a strong leader and having a good social network.

**Future plans** – I will be finishing my associate degree in Precision Ag at Highland Community College and eventually transferring to K-State Salina for Aviation Maintenance.



# Senior Spotlights cont.

## Nemaha County cont.



**Name** – Trenton Talley

**School Currently Attending** – Centralia High School

**4-H Club** – Red Rustlers

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project would have to be market steer because it's the project I have been most consistent with and cause it's pretty cool to lead around a 1400-pound animal.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite event would be the fair because you get to hang with people you don't normally see and meet new people

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Patience is something I've learned because training an animal is more than a day's job.

**Future plans** – I will be working on the family farm raising cattle and row crops.



**Name** – Nicholas Thompson

**School Currently Attending** – Centralia High School

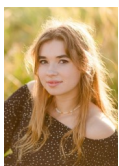
**4-H Club** – Centralia Aces

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is beef because I love working with and showing my steers.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – CIA because it is a nice break from school, and I get to see all of my friends.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Throughout 4-H I have learned to be confident speaking in front of the public.

**Future plans** – I plan to attend Kansas State University and study Statistics and Data Science.



**Name** – Susannah Walker

**School Currently Attending** – Walker Christian School

**4-H Club** – Woodlawn Meadowlarks

**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is the horse project. I learned so much about horsemanship and enjoyed competing in many different classes at the horse show.

**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum because I got to make friends with 4-Hers across Kansas.

**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I will continue to use record keeping throughout the rest of my life even if it was not my favorite part of 4-H!

**Future plans** – I plan to graduate from Allen Community College next year with an Associate of Science with an emphasis in Animal Science and work in the equine industry.

### 100th Anniversary Discovery Days - Registration Open Now!

Kansas 4-H will be hosting the Discovery Days Event and this year is our 100th year for this event. (Formerly known as Round-Up). It will continue to be held on the campus of Kansas State University and will happen **June 7-9**. Come be a part of the fun and educational opportunity. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It's also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

This event is for youth ranging in age from 13-18 years old. It will cost \$210 plus some possible special fees for certain class sessions. We have almost 40 amazing sessions to choose from but some are limited in size, so get registered as soon as possible. Check this link for all the information and registration: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>!

**Emerald Circle** - We are excited to announce that Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, **June 8**, and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

### Prem. Sale Requirements

If you intend to take an animal through the premium auction. Every year you must complete the Premium Sale Requirement form, which is found on our website at <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

These forms are due in the Extension office by **July 1**. You are required to have this form signed by your club leader prior to handing it in to the Extension Office. So make sure to double check this form now.

### Fair Pre-Entry Change

You will enter all your fair entries in our fair entry system called FairEntry.

There are a few major changes for you as a 4-Her.

1. With this program you as the 4-H member will enter all pre-entries online and will no longer be submitting a paper form to the Extension office. In the past we know many will pre-enter the highest number of entries you can enter, but usually don't exhibit that many at the fair. It will be very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.
2. You will no longer have to fill out the two sided entry cards! We will be printing them off according to what you enter online into <https://faireentry.com>. Then you will pick up and attach cards when you bring your exhibit to the fair.
3. All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.

### 4-H Event Scholarship

The Jackson County 4-H Council Event/Senior/Alumni Scholarships are available on our website under Jackson Page. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

### Changes at the Fair

Every 4-H family will receive a printed fairbook this year. They will be available for you to pick up from your club leader at your June 4-H meeting. A tentative schedule for the fair is also on our website. Please look over this as there are some changes.

### Fairgrounds Clean-Up

The fair board will hold their pre-fair set-up on Saturday, **July 15** at 9:00 AM. It takes everyone's help to make the fairgrounds look nice and get ready for fair. So come when you can and lend a hand and make the fairgrounds look nice.

### Fair packets

The fair packet will contain lots of important fair information. So don't just throw it to the side. Please open it right away. It will include instructions on how to pre-enter fair exhibits online.

### Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers, clubs and 4-H Ambassadors who made the Easter Egg Hunt a huge success.

We couldn't have done it without all your help and greatly appreciate everything that was done.

## Important Dates

### Paper Clover at TSC!

Don't forget to visit TSC during the Paper Clover Campaign **April 26–May 7**.

### Swine ID Forms

Due to the office on **May 1**.

### Horse Project Information

Horse ID's will not be required this year. Horse practice will start in **May** and be every Wednesday starting at 6:00 PM at the NE KS Heritage Arena.

### Spring Weigh In

Spring Weigh-In for sheep and goats will be **May 11** from 6:00-7:00 PM at the NE KS Heritage Barn. Tags will be \$3.00 and must be paid for that night.

### Spring Livestock Show

The Jackson County Spring Livestock Show will be held on **May 27**. For more information please visit the Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Event page for entry forms or contact Jo Ann Nelson at 785-364-7479.

### 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council Meeting is **June 8** at 7:00 PM at the NE KS Heritage Building. We will be drawing for concession stand shifts.

### Important Fair Dates

**July 11**—Consultation Judging for Visual Arts, Heritage Arts & Crafts, Photography, Clothing & Style Revue and Table Settings  
**July 17-20**—Fair

### **Important Dates**

#### **Fair Concession Stand**

We need your help! Join the fun and volunteer to help on the concession stand committee. They plan to meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, **May 15**, at the fair building.

#### **4-H Council Meeting**

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held **May 22** at 7:00 PM. Agenda items will include: Fairground Improvements, Donations to parade floats, premium fund and Foundation Golf Tournament and Achievement Banquet planning. Please come prepared to discuss these items.

#### **Bucket Calf**

Tagging and paperwork must be completed and turned into the Extension office by **June 1**. There is another bucket calf meeting at Oskaloosa City Hall June 8 and July 12 at 7:00 PM.

#### **Fair Royalty Candidates**

The Royalty Contest will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, **July 7**, at the Valley Falls Schools. Candidate names are due in office no later than **May 1**. Candidates will be mailed contest details and a questionnaire to complete and return. It is an honor to be selected as a candidate, and we encourage all clubs to participate in each division.

#### **Improving Fairgrounds**

If your club is interested in working on a specific project (s) at the fairgrounds, please contact Linda.

#### **BB Gun**

At the State BB contest Harlee Sellens of the Clover Power 4-H Club, took second place overall in the JR age division. Prosperity club member Jayden Herrman, took fourth place overall in the SR age division. Congrats to our members who qualified for the national BB gun contest in Rogers, Arkansas! Proud of everyone who participated, and a big thanks goes out to all the coaches for their leadership!

#### **Jefferson County 4-H Foundation Fundraisers:**

- **Annual Golf Tournament**  
Join the fun on Saturday, June 24, at Village Greens Golf Course. Help promote and maybe even organize a team! Team discount with two or more 4-H members or alumni. Sponsoring a hole or cash donations help our Foundation help our 4-Hers!
- **Fair Cookie Container Class**  
The Foundation will again have a Decorated Cookie Container contest at the fair, so consider entering this fun class. Jars will be auctioned off the last night of the fair.
- **Foundation Members**  
Matt Hollis (PRES), Debbie Schmitz (VP), Marlene Seifert (TR), Heather Roenne (SEC), Jana Winter, Kirsti Adams and Tom Welsh.

#### **4-H Carnival**

Our annual carnival will be held at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds from 5:00-7:00 PM on **June 3**. Rain date is **June 10**. Game names are due **May 1**. This is one of our 4-H Council's largest fundraisers, so it's important to be selling your raffle tickets. If you need tickets, contact your club leader. This year bracelets will cover the

inflatables and all club games. They will be \$5.00 for ages six and under, and \$15 for seven and older.

#### **Fair Participants: Deadlines for Required Forms**

##### **May 1:**

- Horse ID forms due in office. (Jan. 2023 form on website.)
- Swine tags in and ID form due in office
- Carnival game names due in office
- Last day to add/drop a project- Must be in project to enter exhibits at the fair.
- Check your 4HOnline account! Make sure you are in each part of a project you intend to be (breeding and/or market animals or various fiber arts areas for example). Project records should be filled out and turned into club leaders in September for each project area you are enrolled in.

##### **June 1: Due in local office**

- Bucket Calf & Horse ID forms

##### **Due to Club Leaders BEFORE July 1st**

- **Fair Participants Code of Conduct** This form is required yearly for ALL fair participants and a parent, in any project area, to read and sign.
- **Meadowlark District Code of Show Ring Ethics**, which all livestock exhibitors and a parent are required to sign, are completed once during your 4-H career. These forms are available on the website or in the office. Call if you are not sure you have on file.

##### **Premium Sale Requirements**

##### **July 1: Due in local office**

- JF County Horse Show entry form
- Fair Pre-Entries due for ALL project areas via Fair Entry System.

## Premium Sale Requirements

If you intend to take an animal through the premium auction, every year you must complete the Premium Sale Requirement form, which is found on our website at <https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. These forms are due in the Extension office by **July 1**. You are required to have this form signed by your club leader prior to handing it in to the Extension Office. So, make sure to double check this form now.

## Fair Books

We should have our fairbooks soon. Books will be handed out to Club Leaders for all new families and those who signed up for one. We hope to have it posted on our website in the next few weeks.

## Changes at the Fair

- All Legos (including kits) will be shown in STEM Architectural Block Construction
- There is no longer a Photography class 4806 Digital Composite
- There are 2 new photography classes
  - **4806**—My Favorite 4-H Photography
  - **4807**—Growth Portfolio

## Fair packets

Watch your mail for a **BIG BROWN ENVELOPE** in the first part of June. This will contain lots of important fair information. So don't just throw it to the side. Please open it right away! Important instructions on how to pre-enter fair exhibits online will be included.

## Fair Pre-Entry

1. All 4-H members will enter all pre-entries online using your 4honline account.
2. It is very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.
3. We will be printing entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Then you will pick up and attach cards before you get them judged at the fair.
4. **All pre-entries will be due in FairEntry by July 1.**
5. **Premium Auction Requirement** form is due by **July 1**
6. YQCA for all livestock exhibitors (expect Bucket Calf, Horse, Poultry and Rabbits) must be completed before **July 1**.

## Livestock Exhibitors

Do you know what you will be doing with your animal after the fair? It is your responsibility to find a buyer/locker. We do know that some lockers are already getting appointments made. So don't put it off, call now!

## 4-H Event Scholarship

The Nemaha County 4-H Council Event Scholarship is available on our website under Nemaha/Seneca. This application is for youth attending camps. Check it out to see what the guidelines are.

## Important Dates

### Ambassador Day Camp

The Nemaha County Ambassadors will once again be hosting their annual Day Camp on **Tuesday, June 6**. This is open to all youth ages **6-9**. Those attending do not have to be 4-H members, so invite your friends or cousins. The event will be from **10:00 AM - noon** at the Community Building in Seneca. More information will be handed out to the schools this month.

### YQCA Training

If you have not finished your YQCA yet, it must be done before **July 1**. This includes sending the office a copy of your certificate.

### Pre-Fair Judging

Due to smaller enrollment in some projects and we want members to be judged by judges who know and understand the projects, we will once again be having a joint judging for we will be Entomology, Forestry, Geology and Wildlife. The judging is set for **Friday, July 7** from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Horton Community Building (Blue Building) 716 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West. Horton. Those enrolled in these projects and who plan to exhibit their project at the fair, will need to pre-enter their exhibit like all their others. If you are unable to attend this judging, we will take your exhibits to be judged for you.



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## Calendar of Events

**May 1:** Swine paperwork & pictures turned into offices  
Add/Drop project deadline  
New members to be enrolled deadline  
Horse ID deadline

**May 1:** Market Beef nominations due  
Carnival game names due, JF  
Candidate names due in office, JF

**May 6:** Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, NM

**May 11:** Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, JA

**May 15:** Discovery Days Registration Deadline  
Fair Concession Stand Meeting, JF

**May 20:** Miss Sabetha Saddle Club Queen Contest

**May 22:** Council Meeting, JF

**May 23:** Babysitting Clinic, Seneca

**May 24:** Babysitting Clinic, Sabetha

**May 27:** Jackson County Spring Livestock Show

**June 1:** Fair Entry Opens  
Camp Counselor Applications due  
Bucket Calf forms due in office, JF

**June 3:** Jefferson County Carnival, VF

**June 5:** Small livestock DNA envelop orders close

**June 5-7:** State Livestock Judging Camp

**June 6:** Ambassadors Day Camp, Seneca

**June 7-9:** Discovery Days

**June 8:** State Project Award Presentation  
Council Meeting, JA

**June 12-14:** State Livestock Judging Camp

**June 13-14:** Advanced Horse Judging Camp

**June 13-16:** Kansas Range Youth Camp

**June 14:** Beginner Horse Judging Camp

**June 15:** State Horse Judging Contest  
Nominations due—Market swine, lamb/goats,  
commercial gilts/ewes, breeding goats

**June 15-17:** State Livestock Judging Camp

**June 16-17:** 4-H Insect Spectacular

**June 21-24:** K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

**June 26-July 19:** Norwegian 4-H Teens to Visit Kansas

**June 26-30:** Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp

**July 1:** Livestock Premium Auction Req. forms due  
Deadline for fair entries

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