

# 4-H Focus

## Leavenworth County

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Thank you to all volunteers!
- Record books are due Oct. 3 to the Extension Office
- Save the date for 2022 Achievement Celebration
- Don't forget to check out the Critical Dates Page

## Leavenworth County Fair Recap

I first want to start by congratulating all the 4-H members who exhibited at the Leavenworth County Fair. It was amazing to see all your hard work. We really do have some very talented youth in Leavenworth County!! Below are all those great youth who exhibited at the 2022 Leavenworth County Fair.

<b>Basehor Rustlers</b>	Anna Murphy	Mary Habjan	Eliza Brockhoff	Carlee-Anne McEvoy	Gavin Eastburn
Esther Bondy	Emma Murphy	Charley Harrison	Lucien Brockhoff	Caroline McEvoy	Sofia Eastburn
James Bondy	Joshua Murphy	Bryn Hermreck	Marie Brockhoff	Isaac McEvoy	Elijah Hannah
Anna Celeen	Samuel Murphy	Elsie Hermreck	Mary Caenen	John McEvoy Jr.	Evangeline Hannah
Branden Celeen	Max Nichols	Genevieve Hufford	Charley Coffin	Miranda McKiddy	Julian Hannah
Brayden Celeen	Brody Pierce-Connel	Hank Hunter	Kennedy Coffin	Wesley McMahan	Elijah Hinrichsen
Elizabeth Celeen	Brookelin Pierce-Connel	Karlie Janeczko	Makenna Denholm	Mason Scanlon	Nora Johnson
Jacob Celeen	Gunnar Pohl	Bailey Jennings	Macy Folsom	Logan Simpson	Elijah Jones
Joseph Celeen	Hank Pohl	Presley Johnson	Claire Forsberg	Tucker Simpson	Ethan Jones
Sara Celeen	Copper Potter	Erick Jons	Grace Forsberg	Andrew Stewart	Gabriel Jones
Jemma David	Sydney Shipman	Ethan Jons	Braxton Guthrie	Cale Stewart	Nathanael Jones
Easton Glenn	Ryder South	Bryce Langford	Caden Guthrie	Grace Stewart	Noah Jones
Jayse Green	<b>Boling</b>	Ethan Langford	Alexis Igleheart	Jacob Stewart	Peter Jones
Owen Green	Lorelei Crow	Mason Langford	Baylie Igleheart	Kelsey Theis	Connor Lau
Benjamin Karleskint	Paisley Crow	Maebry Lewis	Taylor Igleheart	Wyatt Wilburn	Benjamin Manus
Liam Karleskint	Scotlyn Frederick	Mya Lewis	Emma Lasher	Ty Wood	Isaiah Manus
Nolan Karleskint	Shiloh Frederick	August Lueck	Jason Lasher	<b>LV 4-H Dogs R Us</b>	Abigail Marah
Levi Lindholm	Allison Megee	Madelyn Lueck	Taylor Lux	Christopher Raithe	Cole Marah
Lucy Lindholm	Allison Murphy	Wilson Lueck	Jackson Lynn	<b>Livewires</b>	Jaxon Marquette
Malia Pebley	Anna Murphy	Hadley McMeans	Landon Lynn	Emma Aufdemberge	Liam Marquette
James Rapisarda	Christopher Raye	Hayden McMeans	Wyatt Millsap	Andrea Barbosa	Jamie Myer
Nina Rapisarda	Karson Reckers	Allison Myers	Finley Rieke	Anniston Clark	Melody Myer
Ruby Rapisarda	Korbin Reckers	Marissa Myers	Leo Rieke	BrynaLynn Clark	Serenity Myer
Madilynn Strick	Kenadie Rollman	Andrew Norman	Lucy Rieke	Avery Crews	Emma Myers
Malachi Strick	Noah Stackhouse	Charlee Norman	Beau Riley	Avery Diliberto	Sydney Myers
Milam Strick	Marshall Waters	Abigail Owens	Colton Riley	Isaac Jenkins	Addyson O'Hare
Paige Vermilye	Mitchell Waters	Elizabeth Owens	Ethan Riley	Natalie Jenkins	Lila O'Hare
<b>Bell</b>	Kai Wolfe	Hannah Owens	Lidia Riley	Emma Kelly	Zoey Plesa
Jaeda Adams	<b>Glenwood</b>	Pate Parsons	Alyssa Schmid	Quentin Kinsley	Corbin Reischman
Justen Adams	Amos Ahlquist		Timothy Jesse Schmid	Rylee Kinsley	Hailey Reischman
Cody Ernzen	Emmett Ahlquist	Charlie Peek	Evan Shupe	Blakely Kooser	Mason Reischman
Mia Ernzen	Gracie Bailey	Henry Peek	Gavin Shupe	Tillie Kooser	Westyn Reischman
Payton Ernzen	Morgan Bailey	Wyatt Peek	Cally Theno	Logan Magee	Lilly Rhodelander
Liv Fletchall	Peter Bankston	Bristyn Peter	Thomas Theno	Lily Marshall	Annelise Schuetz
Mitchell Foster	Connor Blizzard	Taelynn Peter	Garrett Walden	Wyatt Marshall	Owen Schuetz
Aubrey Gillaspie	Peyton Blizzard	Konner Roach	Chase Wiehe	Andrea Parsons	Travis Tinberg
Isabella Gillaspie	Audrey Bracken	Elsie Rochel	Kaylin Wiehe	Rose Parsons	<b>Stranger Creek</b>
Abraham Heim	Emmy Bracken	Reed Rochel	Blainey Woods	Sarah Parsons	Ava Forge
Caleb Heim	Audrey Carmitchel	Tristan Smith	<b>Happy Hollow</b>	Virginia Parsons	Ryan Gildner
Claire Heim	Gage Coffman	Zoey Smith	Cooper Beying	Adriana Rodell	Noah Hill
Haley Heim	Grisell Colby	Adalease Springstead	Luke Beying	David Skaggs	Brent Mance
Katie Heim	Harrison Delilah	Ella Timmer	Alexis Blackard	Eric Skaggs	Charles Mance
Luke Heim	Nicholas Doering	Joseph Tollett	Bodey Blackard	Ryder Weaver	Lauren Mance
Madelyn Heim	Addison Douglas	Bailey Wiehe	Dayton Bollin	Skylar Weaver	Nicholas Mance
Tucker Heim	Grace Douglas	Tristan Wiehe	Jadyn Bollin	<b>Reno Bobwhites</b>	Brady Mendence
Bria Herken	Isabel Douglas	Adelaide Zenger	Mason Ewert	Veda Alvarez	Patton Mendence
Steven Highfill	Oliver Douthit	Greyson Zenger	Corbin Fisher	Amalie Boone	Colby Wise
Bailee Hoppe	Mavryc Greenwood	Lorelai Zenger	Tallulah Fisher	Johanna Boone	Marli Wise
Gracie Kern	Addison Grippen	<b>Happy Helpers</b>	Gentry Goetz	Mackenzie Calovich	
Emily Langley	Connor Grippen	Jarrett Breuer	Taylor Heim	Grady Chance	
Haddie Miller	Colton Grisell	Nicholas Brewer	Alice Mattox	Sullivan Chance	
Jude Miller	Helen Habjan	Tyler Breuer	Emily Mattox	Cadence Dare	
Pearl Miller	Jack Habjan	Elliot Brewer	Zane McDougal	Emersyn DeGraeve	



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## ***Congratulations Leavenworth County Horticulture Judging Team***

Our Leavenworth County Horticulture Judging Team competed at the State Horticulture Judging contest on August 13th in Manhattan, KS. Leavenworth County represented well with Isaiah Manus placing third overall in the intermediate level contest. I want to also congratulate the other members of our Leavenworth County Team, Reed Rochel, Mackenzie Calovich, Eliza Brockhoff, Gavin Shupe, Marie Brockhoff, Evan Shupe and Sullivan Chance.



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I am here to help. Please reach out to me with any questions.

### ***4-H Officers***

As the new 4-H year fast approaches, our 4-H clubs are getting ready to elect new officers. I strongly encourage youth to think about running for an office. Holding a 4-H office, no matter the type, teaches responsibility, time management, public speaking, builds confidence, and promotes organization. It is a great way to get involved within your club.

There are club offices for all levels. For those who are just starting out and not sure they are ready, try song leader. Like to take pictures, think about running for historian for your club. Like to take notes, reporter is always a great position and a great stepping stone to the secretary position. Ready for a bigger leadership role, think about

running for club vice president or president. Want to get more involved in the county level, think about running for county council representative.

Not sure how elections work within your club. Ask an older 4-Her within your club or talk to your club leader.

If you are elected to a club office and want additional resources, we have officer resources books available here at the Extension Office.





## ***Kansas State Fair***

The Kansas State Fair will mark its 109th year celebrating agriculture, education, industry, innovation, and culture in 2022. All the things that make the Kansas State Fair an annual tradition for many families!

The Kansas State Fair is the home of many different events, contests, vendors and educational exhibits. Applied learning from young and old alike is the theme of the fair. 4-hers are a big part of that. Kansas 4-hers who are 9 and older and meet all requirements at the county level are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair under 4-H.

State Fair entries, with the exception of some livestock entries, are due to our office by the Sunday of our County Fair. If you entered exhibits into State Fair, our office will transport entries down and

back for you. As a reminder they need to be to our office no later than September 6th. We will notify you when they are available for pick up after State Fair is over. If you are planning to attend the State Fair and are an exhibitor, we have some tickets available. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

The Kansas State Fair is held annually in Hutchinson, Kansas. It traditionally starts the Friday following Labor Day and runs for 10 days. This year State Fair starts September 9th and runs through September 18th.



## **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLf)**

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum or KYLF is an opportunity to build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

In addition, the 2023 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

This event is open to all 4-hers age 14–18 (4-H age).

KYLF will be held November 19-20, 2022 in person at Rock Spring 4-H Center.

If you are interested, all registrations must be in by November 1, 2022.

Registration will open in October. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

## New 4-H Year Starts October 1st

4-H began in the early 1900s. Girls participated in canning clubs, and boys participated in corn and pig clubs. In 1914, Congress passed an act establishing Cooperative Extension and 4-H across the country. Corn, poultry and garden clubs existed in Kansas as early as 1905.

4-H has certainly changed since its early days. While we are proud of our rich history, we've expanded to include members from more than just rural backgrounds. We've evolved to meet the needs of today's youth, and develop learning experiences for boys and girls of all ages.

Why do we do 4-H? Why do we put time and effort into this program? Through this program kids build life skills by leading

hands-on projects in areas like science, health, agriculture and, civic engagement – helping them to grow confidence, independence, resilience, and compassion. 4-H empowers young people to be true leaders. True leaders are young people who have confidence; know how to work well with others; can endure through challenges; and will stick with a job until it gets done. In 4-H, we believe true leaders aren't born – they're grown.

4-H program's hands-on approach gives young people guidance, tools and encouragement, and then puts them in the driver's seat to make great things happen. Independent research proves the unparalleled impact of the 4-H experience. 4-Hers are

four times likely to give back to their communities and 2 times likely to make healthier decisions.

In 4-H we believe:

- all young people's potential;
- developing young people who are empowered, confident, hard-working, determined, responsible and compassionate—seeing a world beyond themselves so that they have the life-long skills to succeed in college and career,
- ensuring access and equity for all,
- the power of America's leading public universities,
- the practice of positive youth development (PYD)\* by creating positive learning experiences,
- caring and trusted adult mentors who cultivate positive relationships with youth,
- creating safe, diverse and inclusive environments, and meeting young people wherever they are.

So you are probably saying, yes Sonya, I know this already. This is why we are apart of this great program. This is where I need your help. First is make the decision early for your family to continue to be apart of this amazing program. Commit as a family and get enrolled once October 1st rolls around. Don't wait until November, December or even January. Get out there and get it done. Second, is spread the word. Talk to your friends, in church, at school, in line at the grocery store about this program. Invite a friend to come to a meeting with you. Invite a friend over to your house and show them your projects, talk about what you have learned and the skills you have gained. Help me spread the word about his program that has taught you and me so much. Everyone should have the opportunity to benefit from 4-H.

Remember October 1st. Mark it in your calendar!

The infographic features a green background with white and yellow text and graphics. It includes the following elements:

- 2X** MORE LIKELY TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY (with a person icon).
- 5-18** IN AGE FROM (with a graduation cap icon).
- 4-H STANDS FOR HEAD HEART HANDS HEALTH** (with the 4-H clover logo).
- 3X** THERE ARE **7 MILLION** 4-H CLUB MEMBERS IN THE UNITED STATES (with a person icon).
- 2X** MORE LIKELY TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SCIENCE (with a person icon).
- 4-H PROGRAMS OPERATE THROUGHOUT MORE THAN 50 COUNTRIES** (with a globe icon).
- 4-HERS ARE NEARLY 5X MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE COLLEGE** (with a graduation cap icon).
- 4-HERS ARE NEARLY 4X MORE LIKELY TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES** (with a person icon).
- 4-HERS ARE NEARLY 2X MORE LIKELY TO MAKE HEALTHIER DECISIONS** (with a person icon).

## Project Spotlight - Home Environment

The Home Environment project allows young people to learn the principles of design as they explore different design elements for a variety of indoor rooms and outdoor spaces. From choosing color schemes, accessories, décor, and more, Home Environment allows you to be the interior designer while you style a room or outdoor space by painting, choosing new floor covering, refurbishing furniture, updating accessories, and more!

### Healthy Living

- Learn about the process of decluttering to minimize stress in lives.
- Donate unused furnishings to lo-

cal charities.

- Explore how colors and textures affect moods.

### Science and Agriculture

- Experiment with durability, stain-resistance, or color-fastness of a material for spaces.
- Study energy efficiency and its importance to the environment.
- Create a floor plan to scale.

### Community Vitality

- Coordinate a furnishing swap in your community to minimize costs on updating spaces.
- Assist with renewing community spaces, such as parks, to create an inviting and safe environment for community members.
- Organize or help with a recycling

program in your community.

### Communication and the Arts

- Create a tutorial video on how to refinish a piece of furniture.
- Demonstrate how to select a color scheme using the color wheel.
- Teach others the proper disposal methods for refinishing materials, including paint.

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# 2024 CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS



### Informational Meeting Expectations

- Overview of CWF
- Learn about fundraising goals
- Learn about 2 year commitment

**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF) IS A CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL (COUNCIL) FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. FOR FIVE WEEKS DURING THE SUMMER, DELEGATIONS OF 14-18 YEAR-OLDS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY ATTEND THIS WEEK LONG PROGRAM AT THE HYATT REGENCY BETHESDA JUST OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS PROGRAM GIVES PARTICIPANTS HANDS-ON OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND PRACTICE SKILLS THAT PROMOTE "BETTER CITIZENS TODAY, BETTER LEADERS TOMORROW". PARTICIPANTS LEARN BY ATTENDING WORKSHOPS, COMMITTEES, FIELD TRIPS, AND SOCIAL EVENTS.**

**Please attend the information meeting on Sunday, October 16th at 1pm to learn more.**

**Meeting Location: Leavenworth Co Extension Office**

## Membership Pins

Membership pins are designed to recognize youth for achieving that level of participation in the 4-H program. This is not a competitive process. All youth who complete an application and whose application is verified as complete will receive a recognition pin.

There are nine membership pins. Pins must be received in order but can be skipped. For example, if you are starting 4-H at an older age such as 13, we do not recommend you start at the bottom pin which is the membership pin. You will not make it through all 9 pins before you age out. We recommend you start at the highest pin you qualify for. One thing to remember is you can skip pins but you cannot go backwards and get those pins at a later date. You want to keep this in mind when deciding which pin to start with.

Application forms can be found on our web page: [www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/awards\\_scholarships.html](http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/awards_scholarships.html)

All pin applications should be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 3, 2022. Pins will be awarded at our Annual Achievement Celebration in November.

## Record Books

One of the true 4-H learning experiences is record keeping. This does take time, but 4-H'ers learn important skills that will benefit them in the future. 4-H'ers will keep a continuous record of their 4-H experiences and non-4-H experiences as long as they remain a 4-H'er. All 4-H members are strongly encouraged to complete a 4-H Record Book or Member's Record each year as part of 4-H Membership. A record book/member's record will be composed of a Completed Personal Page, a 4-H story and the Permanent Record.

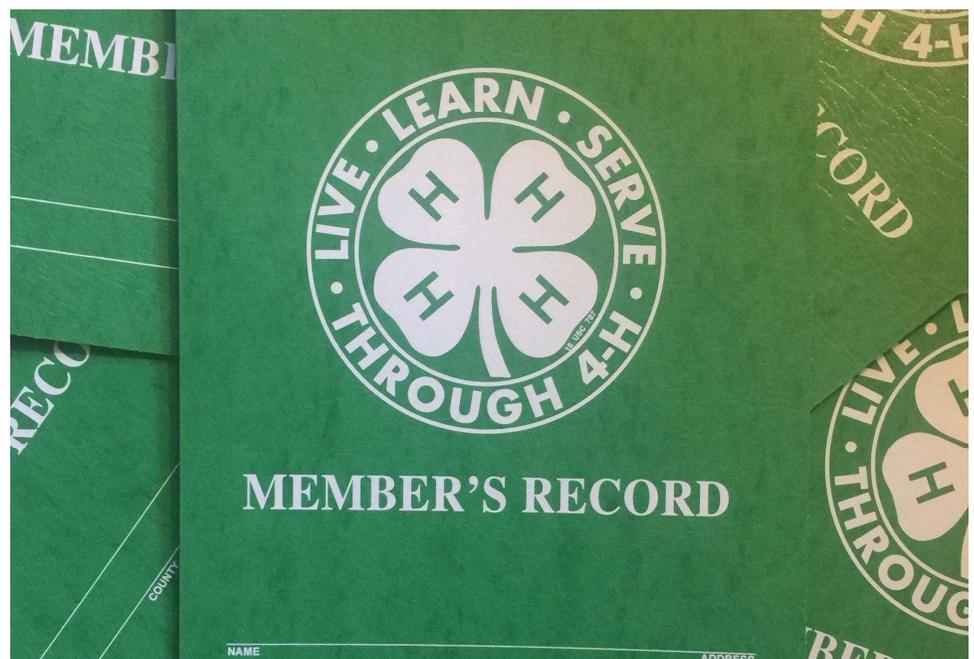
Is this your first year doing a member's record. Make sure to talk to your leader or stop by the office and pick up a green members record folder to keep all your records in. Each 4-her receives one green folder free complements for Leavenworth County 4-H Council.

4-H'er's are also encouraged to complete a Project Report Form for at least one of their projects for

the year. The Project Report Form is a record of what the 4-Her did within as specific project. Project Report Forms including personal page, permanent record, and project forms by age are located on our web page: [http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms\\_resources.html](http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_resources.html). Once forms are completed simply place them into a three pronged folder with a label on the outside. Labels are available at the Extension Office for no cost.

Record Books and Project Report Forms should all be submitted to your club leader by the due date as specified by your club leader. Each club will have a different deadline. Your leaders will then submit these to the Extension Office by October 3, 2022.

Still feeling a bit overwhelmed when it comes to 4-H record keeping. Please reach out to your club leaders or the Extension Office. We are hear to help.



## National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is an opportunity to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. National 4-H Week will be held **October 2-8, 2022**. We encourage all clubs to find ways to promote and celebrate 4-H. A few ideas may include:

### Give Back

Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing the programs. Help programs like the Flying Squirrels or Green Turtles (not real clubs, but maybe) thrive by making a donation that can help provide supplies to kids

in the area.

### Wear Your 4-H Gear

Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

### Set Up Information Booths

If your local grocery or hardware store allows, set up a table to share information about your local 4-H program. You can display 4-H posters, hand out flyers, or showcase the work of local 4-H'ers.



*“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going to be a butterfly” - Buckminster Fuller*

## Tractor Supply Fall Paper Clover Program

Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs through the sale of Paper Clovers in their stores. In the most recent campaign we raised over \$981,000 nationwide. 90% of funds raised go back to state and local 4-H programs to support youth by providing hands-on learning experiences through

projects in STEM, agriculture, healthy living, and civic engagement.

4-H Clubs can support the campaign through different ways. Clubs can have a booth outside the store and help sell clovers or can simply be present to help customers. Contact our local

Tractor Supply to set up a time for your club to support this great program.

This year’s fall Paper Clover program will start October 5, 2022 and will run through October 16, 2022. For more information please contact your community leaders or the Extension Office.





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## Save the Date - 2022 Leavenworth County Achievement Celebration

The 2022 Leavenworth County Achievement Celebration is scheduled for November 5th at the Tonganoxie Christian Church. More details will be coming soon.

All 4-Hers and their families are invited to attend. This event consists of a celebration meal sponsored by Leavenworth County 4-H Council and an awards ceremony. At the awards ceremony, 4-hers receive recognition for membership pins received (see Membership pins article in this newsletter) and project pin winners are announced. This is based on the Project Report Forms that are submitted for judging by October 3rd. Key awards and leadership scholar-

ships are also awarded during the awards ceremony.

Don't miss a chance to celebrate all the accomplishments our Leavenworth County 4-Hers have made this year.

