



# Forever 4-H



**Jennifer Applequist**

My name is Jennifer Applequist and this is my sixth year in 4-H. I am a member of the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club.

This year I was voted in to office to become president of our club. I have learned a lot of things that came with the title of being club President. I learned how to lead meetings and organize committees. I also acted as secretary at the Pawnee County 4-H Council meetings. 4-H has helped me boost my self-confidence and set goals in life.

There are a lot of different projects available. I have been in the visual arts and crafts project for six years. I took Design in school where I learned how to use many different mediums that allowed me to enter a wide variety of projects in the fair this year. As a third year member in the photography project, I learned a lot of new things in photography like the rule of thirds and where to place the point of emphasis in photos. This was my sixth year in the dog project. We went to Rock Springs 4-H dog camp where I participated in the dog costume contest and the open class dog quiz bowl. It is a lot of fun and I was able to meet a lot of people from around the state and share my love of dogs.

One of the goals of 4-H is to promote and help instill qualities of leadership and encourage youth to be good citizens and help others. I have been in the Leadership and Citizenship project for four years. Last year, as part of my community service project, I helped plant pumpkins and gourds at the Sandstone Pumpkin Patch to raise money for the Orphan Grain Train. I volunteered at the 2013 Swipe Out Hunger event where I helped fill bags of rice and other non-perishable foods to send to poor families all over the United States. I also volunteered to help in the kitchen for our church's Vacation Bible School. As a member of the Leadership project, I have tried to be a good role model throughout the year and have encouraged others to be a good role model by being the Junior Leader for the county dog project. I made the prize bags for the 4-H dog show and the trophies for the community dog show. In addition, I lead one of our dog training meetings. I have tried to lead by example and have encouraged others during various events such as 4-H Days, music contests, and events throughout the fair and have helped judge record books for other counties. Overall, I had an awesome year at the fair. 4-H has been a good experience for me because it's helping me gain self-confidence. I'm also learning to venture out and learn new things.

**Phillip Applequist**

My name is Phillip Applequist and this is my fifth year in 4-H. I am a member of the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club in Pawnee County. This year I served



as Junior Vice President for my club and was also on the Community Service committee. I was able to serve as Vice President during a couple of meetings when the Vice President was not there. This year I was entered in four projects: Arts and Crafts, Dogs, Performing Arts, and Photography.

This is my fifth year in the dog project. What made me happier was that I practiced really hard this year and it really paid off. Our dog practices were fun. We did all kinds of cool exercises like obedience and showmanship. I was able to go to the State Fair in Showmanship and did well again. I was a little scared because our local dog show has maybe twenty people there to watch the dog show but there is like 200 people watching at the Kansas State Fair dog show so I was glad we did well.

This year, my family and I took the dogs to the 4-H Dog Conference at Rock Springs again. I really had fun spending time with my dog and my family. The dog conference was fun. I participated in the quiz bowl for the second year. Since I knew what I was doing, I was able to study questions with my sister. My team did not place but we had fun anyway. On the last night we roasted marshmallows around a campfire. We also watched the costume contest for the 4-Hers and their dogs because it's Halloween when we go.

This year we did not take our own animals for pet therapy but we took and showed the puppies from the humane society. We went to two nursing homes and the people really seemed to enjoy them as well as talking to us. There were some people visiting there that seemed interested in the puppies so I explained how much work they are.

**Kjersti Duerksen**

My name is Kjersti Duerksen and this is my 3rd year in 4-H. I am a member of the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club. This year I was recreation leader. I also served on the Banner Committee. I was in Arts & Crafts, Entomology, and Shooting Sports this year.

At the County Fair, our club's banner received a Blue ribbon. I received a Purple award, Champion, and Grand Champion on my Beginning Entomology Collection Notebook. My Beginning Entomology Insect Collection got a Purple award and Reserve Champion. For Shooting Sports, I received a Blue ribbon in Beginners' Archery and I also received a Blue ribbon

and Reserve Champion in Advanced Air Rifle. I began taking drawing lessons this year. I learned to sketch and use chalk pastels. I entered several of my pastels in the county fair. On my self-portrait, and my dancer, I got Blue ribbons. My snowman pastel got a Purple award. I also made a mouse silhouette; it also got a Purple award. My pipe cleaner flowers and minion paint bucket got Blue ribbons.

**Wyatt Duerksen**

My name is Wyatt Duerksen and this is my 5th year in 4-H. I am a member of the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club.

My favorite project is Shooting Sports. This was my second year in the Archery project, and my first in Air Pistol.

I got a Blue ribbon in Air Pistol. I learned to safely handle a hand gun.

This year, I used my own Recurve Bow. I received a Blue ribbon and Reserve Champion in Senior Archery this year. I also entered the archery competition in the Pawnee County Shoot Out. I won First Place in the 12-13 year old age division and Second Place overall in Archery! I improved a lot over the last year.

This summer, I purchased my own compound bow. I can't wait to go hunting this fall!

**Darby Eakin**

My name is Darby Eakin. This is my fourth year in 4-H. My favorite part of the fair was the redneck water games. It was really a



good feeling when I saw a whole bunch of people that lived in Larned come and do the activity. Sometimes people think that they can't join 4-H because they don't live on a farm or in the country. Actually they can, there is a variety of activities that they can do. For an example there is electricity, woodworking, a leather class and even rabbits and birds. I want people to know that you don't have to be a "country kid" to join 4-H. If you want to learn more please contact the Pawnee County Extension Office at 620-285-6901.

**Katie Fischer**

Hi, my name is Katie Fischer. This will be my 8th



year in the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club. This year has been a really fun and great year. I was the Vice President for my club, it was my 2nd year being Vice President and I really enjoyed this role. This coming year, I am going to be my club's secretary. I have never been a secretary before so

I'm excited to see what it's like.

4-H Day in February was a success this year. Our club got a Blue at the County Model Meeting, and I was very happy. I decided not to do a talk this year, so I could focus on my club's meeting. The Zook Zippers got a Top Blue. I was able to participate in the Regional 4-H Club Day in Great Bend with other Pawnee County 4-Hers.

4-H Camp is always one of my favorite things about being in 4-H. It's so much fun. I love being able to go to Rock Springs Ranch every summer. I am sad that this coming year is my last year of being a camper, but then I will be a counselor the next year, which is super exciting!

The fair is always a blast and this year was one of my favorite years. I participated in foods, livestock, table settings, Style Revue/ Buymanship, and arts and crafts. I got 2nd overall Reserve Grand Champion on my lemon meringue cookies. I also got Reserve Grand Champion with my Bucket Feeder, named Ginger, and Champion in the Showmanship. The Beef project is one of my favorites. Every year, my family camps at the campgrounds on the Pawnee County Fairgrounds, it is so much fun to get to stay there! We finished off the last night of the fair participating in Redneck Wipeout. It was a lot of fun. There is something for everyone in 4-H. You don't have to live in the country or be a farm kids to have fun and be involved in 4-H.

**Luke Fischer**

Hi, my name is Luke Fischer. I am 8 years old



and I just finished my last year at Phinney Elementary School in the second grade. This is my second year in 4-H. I have an older sister that is in 4-H so I have been about to go to the Fair all of my life. I entered several projects this year in the fair. I took 4 Arts and Crafts projects, 9 Foods, 1 Entomology Display Case, my Hermit Crabs as an Aquarium Pet, some stuff from my garden, 2 outfits for Buymanship, and brought 2 calves; one was a Bucket Calf and the other was a Bucket Feeder, which was my calf from last year. Beef and Entomology are some of my favorite but I also really like Entomology. Mrs. Wallace is my leader in Entomology and she has taught me so much. I attended 4-H Camp for the second year and really liked attending that. I love Rock Springs Camp and cannot wait until next year. My family brings the camper to the fair each year and I get to camp out with friends. It kinds of feels like camp again. That is probably my favorite thing about the fair. This year was a great year

in 4-H and I am looking forward to next year.

**Joan Forrest - The Tiny Toilers 4-H Club Turns 80**

The Tiny Toilers 4-H Club was first organized in June 15, 1933, at the home of Bernice Keast as a 4-H Girls Sewing Club called Tiny Boosters. On January 4, 1934, John Kline helped reorganize the club to include both boys and girls. They met in the basement of the Tiny Church and changed the name to Tiny Toilers. They were given Charter #783 on December 6, 1934, with 31 Charter members. Mrs. Ivan Reat was the leader.

The club has had 5 National Project Winners as well as 46 State Winners in 52 projects. The club has won numerous Safety and Health Awards. As a top winner in safety one year, taking ten members and leaders to a Safety Conference in Wichita.

We have had 11 County Alumni Awards winners from our club with two, Donald Degee and Jim Forrest, as state 4-H Alumni Winners. Three 4-H members, Donald Degee, Jim Forrest, and Janet Skelton, went on to become Community Leaders of the Tiny Toilers 4-H Club.

Our club received three grants to clean up, mow the grounds, and paint the L'Dora School House at the Santa Fe Trail Center.

The Tiny Toilers has always been a very active club, receiving gold seals every year. Six families have hosted I.F.Y.E.'s (International Farm Youth Exchange). Members in the following activities: Who's' Whoot Magazine; Citizenship Short Course in Washington D.C.; Judging - Livestock, Meats, and Home Economics at State Fair, Hays, and Kansas City; "I Dare You" Award; Camps - Health and Safety, Junior Leadership, Conservation, Music; 4-H Roundup; Discovery Days; Camp at Rock Springs; and Exchange with other states.

The Club continues to live by the 4-H Motto, "To Make the Best Better."

**Cordell Hammeke**

Hi! My name is Cordell Hammeke. This is my first year in 4-H. I belong to the Tiny Toilers Club. This year I chose to do Air Rifle and Archery. I learned many things about them. I am looking forward to participating in another year of 4-H because I can try and learn other new things.

**Amanda Lessard - 4-H Provides Endless Opportunities**

4-H provides many opportunities to learn by doing. You do not have to live in the country or on a farm to fully experience 4-H. As a nine-year 4-H member who resides in Larned, I have fully experienced many projects and gained valuable experience through my 4-H involvement. Enrolling in projects is an easy way to learn. Some of the popular projects include shooting

sports, photography, foods, arts & crafts, clothing buymanship, gardening, and rocketry. Additionally, the monthly club meetings provide chances to gain leadership and public speaking skills. 4-H provides endless learning opportunities. If you know youth from 7 to 18 years of age, encourage them to be a 4-Her.

**Ella McNett**

Hi! My name is Ella McNett and I am 9 years old. This is my 4th year in the Zook Zippers 4-H Club. I am enrolled in the following projects: foods, clothing, sewing, reading, bicycle, sheep, shepherd's lead, arts and crafts, and photography.

My favorite project is arts and crafts. I like to draw and make things. For the fair this year, I drew a picture of Anna from the movie "Frozen" and a head of a horse. It took me a long time to draw and color both pictures. I also made a bag from bandannas that are tied together. My grandma's cousin helped me make a blanket that has been tied together. I enjoyed spending time with Janet to make my blanket. My grandma Barbara bought the rainbow fabric. I sleep with my blanket every night. I tried a new project this year, photography. I took many pictures of my sister at the park. I chose one of my sister smelling a rose in the community rose garden and got a reserve ribbon at the fair. I also like to cook for the fair. This year, I made Pink Lemonade Cupcakes. My mom taught me how to pipe frosting. I put a pink and white straw in each cupcake. I also put a piece of candy in the shape of a lemon in the top of each cupcake. I got a purple on my cupcakes. They were fun to make!

**Reed McNett**

Hi! My name is Reed McNett and I am 12 years old. I am a 6th year in the Zook Zippers 4-H Club. This year, my club elected me to serve as a 4-H Council Representative. I am honored to be the representative for my club for the second year in a row. I am enrolled in the following projects this year: foods, clothing, sheep, woodworking, rocketry, photography, bicycle, leadership, and reading.

My favorite project is woodworking. I enjoy working with my dad and getting to use the power tools we own. This year, I made a quilt box for my mom. She wanted a nice, wooden box to store blankets and other things she would like to keep. At the fair, I had several offers from ladies who wanted to buy my project. I was honored they wanted to own my project. I received a Reserve Grand Champion ribbon on my project. After the fair, I have decided that I want to put feet on the bottom of my box. My other favorite project is

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