



Forever 4-H



foods. I enjoy cooking at my house. This year, I made my great-grandma Ross' Chocolate Walnut Cookies. She always made these cookies when we would visit. My mom remembers he making them when she was little. I made them and received the Best Cookie Award and Reserve Level II foods. I had my mom take a picture of my great-grandma and me with my Best Cookie Award. She was very proud of me.

Ross McNett

Hello! My name is Ross McNett and I am 13 years old. This is my 8th year in the Zook Zippers 4-H Club. This year, I was elected to serve as Treasurer for my club. This is the second year in a row that I have been elected to serve as Treasurer.

This 4-H year, I am enrolled in the following projects: rocketry, reading, sheep, clothing, foods, woodworking, leadership, and photography. My favorite project is rocketry. For the fair this year, I built a rocket that won Grand Champion. I am excited that I have been asked to give a rocket presentation and shoot it off at the Adventure Day on October 4th at the LHS football field. I also enjoy woodworking because I get to build things for my house that I can use and I get to do it with my dad. This summer, I built a bookshelf so my family can put their books on it. I received a Grand Champion ribbon for my project. This year I decided to try a new project, photography. I took a picture of my great-grandfather's sunflower and received a blue. I have already begun looking for new subjects for my photos this year.

I also belong to the Pawnee County TAC (Teen Action Club). Through fundraisers and community service projects, we are working towards a trip in the spring. I enjoy being a part of this group because I am not only helping my community, but I am also being a leader.

Ashlee Miller

My name is Ashlee Miller and this is my first year in 4-H. This year in 4-H I am doing shotgun and archery. My favorite thing to do is the shotgun. This year I want to learn how to shoot better. I liked going to all the 4-H shoots, it was a lot of fun competing against other teams. Hopefully I can win some metals this year!

Caleb Nord

This is my seventh year in 4-H with the Zook Zippers Club. This is my fifth year in the Crop project. My family and I live on a small farm in Pawnee County. 4-H encourages us members to practice citizenship, leadership, and learning about our project area of interest. My fellow Club members and I helped set up the Pawnee County Fair and served food at the concession stand.

I showed leadership by displaying several Kansas crop exhibits and presenting a crop project talk to my 4-H Club. This year, I researched wheat facts and prepared a Wheat Variety Plot Display with brochures. I used a trucking theme and titled my display, "What's in Your Load?" I earned a Reserve Champion at the Pawnee County Fair. I took my project to the State Fair, where I earned a Purple ribbon. Additionally, I placed fourth place overall in the state for my wheat plot display and received a really nice plaque from the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. I really like this project and understand wheat production inputs better.

I prepared a gallon wheat jar, which I earned a Purple

ribbon at our county fair and I earned a Blue ribbon at the State Fair. At our county fair, I also earned ribbons for my 5 corn stalks, five sorghum stalks, and a soybean bundle of five plants with roots. Without the rain that started back in May, our crops would not have looked as good!

I have to manage my time between 4-H activities, sports, school, and helping on the farm. This year I learned more about crop production and insects. This summer, I helped my Dad in the farm field. I earned my Tractor Operator Safety certificate at DCCC. I used the combine to help harvest corn, soybean, sorghum, and winter wheat. I appreciated my parents for teaching me and helping me work on my crops project. I like 4-H and plan on doing the crop project next year!

Cierra Nord

Hi, my name is Cierra Nord, and this is my fourth year in 4-H with the Zook Zippers Club and my second year in the photography project. I enjoy taking pictures of my favorite things, especially cats!

I am going to tell you what I learned, I learned that you can't force an animal to pose for you the way you want them to! You have to be patient with them for a few minutes or longer. You will probably have to take a lot of photos of the same thing to get the right look. Good thing I used my Mom's digital camera, so I can see how the photos turned out. Then I can save the pictures to her computer and give each photo file a name.

I also took time on my own to read articles about how to take better pictures of cats and kittens. I learned how to take macro (close-up) photographs with our camera. I took many photos of my kitten, Tommy. I entered an 8" x 11" color photo of him in the Pawnee County Fair, which I earned a Blue ribbon. I showed my photo during our Club Tour, now everyone knows how much I like cats!

When I learned about Pawnee County Humane Society's 2014 Pet Calendar Contest, I decided to take some photos of our outdoor cats to enter. I took about 50 photos of our cats, then narrowed my photos down to five photos. I selected the photo of our cat, Jordan, relaxing in our flowerbed. With my Mom's help we filled in the entry form and donated the picture of my cat to the calendar contest. People voted on the photos by donating money. My photo of Jordan was selected to be Mr. September. The Pawnee County Humane Society is preparing another Pet Calendar for 2015, I hope you buy one. The money will go for a good cause!

In July, my picture of Jordan earned a Purple ribbon and the Reserve Grand Champion ribbon at the Pawnee County Fair. His photo won a Blue ribbon at the Kansas State Fair. I am glad that I am in 4-H and I can do the photography project!

Kaysen Seidel

Hi, my name is Kaysen Seidel, this is my third year in 4-H. This year I participated in several projects

including sheep, rabbits, dogs, and foods. One of my favorite projects is my sheep project. This is my third year in the sheep project.

My first year our friends Missy and Chancy Templeton helped me get started and helped me pick out my first lambs. This year I had three lambs that I took to the Pawnee County fair and to the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. My ewe lamb that I showed I got from Ted VanHorn. Ted and Jansyn VanHorn have been a huge help with my lamb project. They have helped me find lambs, have helped show me what to do to show my lambs, and have gone out of their way to help me shear my lambs and get them ready for show. I have learned how much work it takes to care for and raise animals as well as the time to get them ready to show. 4-H has been a great learning experience for me and I look forward to continuing to learn in the years to come.

Jacob Smith

My name is Jacob Smith and this will be my seventh year in 4-H. I am in the Pawnee Peppers 4-H Club. I enrolled in seven projects during last year. My favorite project was Bucket Feeder. This was my fourth year in the Bucket Feeder project. My calf's name is Valentine. She is a heifer. I like this project because I love animals and it is a challenge to work with a bigger animal! I love to spend time with my calves. I spent a lot of time walking her ready for the fair. I practiced walking her inside the corral for the first weeks, to make sure she would still behave like she did last year. After that, we walked around the driveway and my dad helped, just to make sure she would behave. I didn't want her to get excited and run off. She did very well when she was on the halter. My dad only had to help a few times, and then I could walk her anywhere by myself because she behaved. She was my Bucket Calf last year. She was a very good calf, and we earned Grand Champion both years.

This is my sixth year in the Horticulture Project. I like to be in the garden. Our family grows all kinds of vegetables. This year we grew some new plants including broccoli, turnips, carrots, and different herbs. Some of our best plants were the cucumbers. I picked almost forty in one night. I like to look for cucumbers to pick, and I like to dig potatoes with my mom. All of our plants have done very well, though. We finally got our corn to produce this year, too. I really like gardening and I love to spend garden time with my family. In the spring, I really like to rototill and hoe in the garden, too. This was my sixth year in the Arts and Crafts project. This year I made a picture of a rustic barn with golden wheat, the sunrise, and a blue sky behind it. I used colored pencils. I outlined everything first, then colored it in. I really like to draw. This was the fifth

year I was in Field Crops. I turned in a soybean bundle and a milo bundle for the fair. I enjoyed learning about different varieties and plant numbers with my dad this year. I learned a lot this year by farming with him and spending time with him. I love to farm with my dad.

In Shooting Sports this year I did air pistol, which I like. I am getting good with it, too. I have done air pistol for a long time now. I also did archery. I have done archery for two years. I like it a lot and soon I will get my own bow. I didn't do too bad at the shootout this year, either. I like shooting sports and it helps me with my hunting.

I am in Pawnee Peppers again this year and will be Vice President. We are trying to get more kids in 4-H. My projects were fun to do and I plan on being in good projects again this year.

Harrison VanMeter - Western Wranglers

This is my 6th year in 4-H and my 5th year in the

Archery project. I really enjoy the Archery project. This year state archery was

located at T.H.E Archery Club in Topeka. There were over 200 archers from across Kansas. It is a great time. I have gone to state for 2 years now. Last year I qualified with just a bare bow. This year I qualified with both a bare bow and a hunter compound bow. To qualify with a bare bow you have to shoot 80 points out of a possible 240 points but, with the hunter compound, you have to shoot 160 points out of a possible 240 points. You shoot a target called a FITA target. It is a circle shape with points from 1 to 10 with 1 farthest out and 10 closest to the center. You also shoot 3-D targets. 3-D targets are animal figures you shoot at. I really enjoy state archery and practicing with my bows. State archery is fun because everyone there likes to do what I really enjoy. It is a very challenging sport but I like a good challenge.

Spencer VanMeter - Western Wranglers

This is my 8th year in 4-H and in the Beef Project.

At the Pawnee County Fair this past summer, I took a Market Steer named

Buddy. I have taken market heifers, market steers, bucket calves, and cow-calf pairs to the fair over the years. I enjoy working with the animals and exhibiting them for the public. 4-H is a great experience because you learn life skills. In 4-H you get to learn about projects that interest you, meet different people from all over the state, and learn to be responsible as well as respectful. I would recommend it to anyone!

Christian Murray - 6th Grade

Hi, my name is Christian Murray. One of my favorite 4-H events is 4-H Day. Each year we

get up early in the morning to practice the model meeting. Someone brings donuts and we give a proper meeting in front of a judge as a club. After that 4-Hers give Project talks and demonstrations. This year I did a demonstration on leathercraft. It was my first in leathercraft and I got to show some techniques with the tools. I got 2nd Top Blue! I also got to give my demonstration at the Kansas State Fair and wear a mic! It was a lot of fun and the judge gave me some good advice.

Creighton Murray - 2nd Grade

Hi, my name is Creighton Murray. This is my first year in 4-H. I had a fun year! One of my favorite projects was Arts

and Crafts. I got to do several projects this winter with my Mom. I took a fingerprint to the fair with my name on it and a stepping stone. I can't wait to pick out some new projects for this year!

Cameron Murray - 8th Grade

Hi, my name is Cameron Murray. This year I tried

a new project-Rockets! I had to make more than one and even then they weren't

perfect. I still took two to the fair and learned a lot. A couple of 4-Hers showed my brother and I how to shoot them off and we all shot our rockets together. Rockets can fly far or not so much. One of mine caught fire and fell back down. I am looking forward to trying the project again this next year.

Audrey Manry

Hi, my name is Audrey Manry. One of my favorite projects is the goat project. Each year I get to pick out a baby goat and raise it from

about 30 lbs. I feed it and teach it to lead. I like Fitting and Showing at the fair where you are judged on how well you show the goat.

Naya Idrissa

Hi, my name is Naya. I am a member of the Pawnee Peppers 4-H club. This was my first year in 4-H. I had fun at the fair and even got a feed pan since this was my first year. I am excited for this next year since I am a Song Leader.

Sarah Manry

Hi, my name is Sarah Manry. This last year I was our Club's Parliamentarian. It was hard for me to get up and talk in front of the club at the beginning of the year but by the end of the year it was much easier. I learned Parliamentarian can be fun! I taught the club lots of things and we even played some games!

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