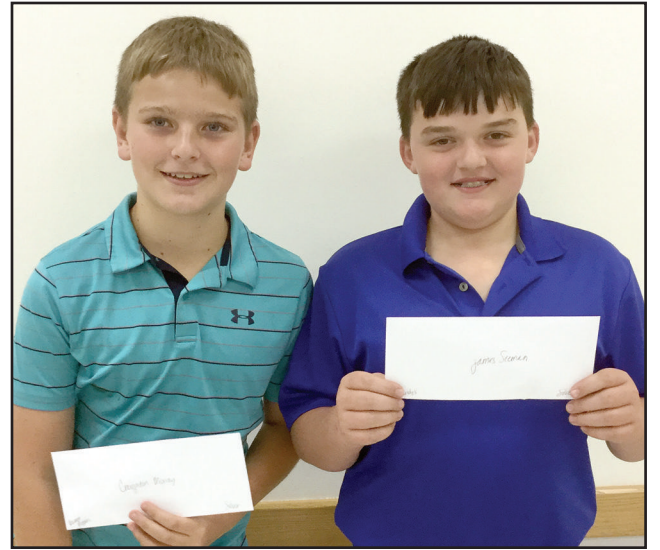




**Membership Pins** - Membership Pin winners were: (l to r) Jenna Fisher, Lilly McAlister, Evelyn Brownlee, Grayson Maxwell, Cody Holste, Jax Johnson, Rylan Reece, and Mylee Hammond.



**Pawnee Peppers** - Pawnee Peppers 4-H Club County Champions are: (l to r) Angie Murray (leader), Cameron Murray, Audrey Manry, and Beth Smith (leader).



**Silver** - Silver Achievement Pin winners were: Creighton Murray and James Seeman.



**Zook Zippers CC & leaders** - Zook Zippers 4-H Club County Champions are: (back row l to r) Cierra Nord, Ella McNett, Ross McNett (president), Jennifer McNett (leader), and Reed McNett; (front row l to r) Evelyn Brownlee, Emma McNett, and Grayson Maxwell.



**Western Wranglers CC & leaders** - (back row l to r) Erin Josefiak (leader), Harrison Van Meter (president), Chancey Hauck, Addison Townsend, and Chelsea Steffen (leader); (front row l to r) Cody Holste, Logan Enabnit, Rylan Reece, Addyson Pelton, and Jax Johnson.



**Tiny Toilers CC & leaders** - Tiny Toilers 4-H Club County Champions are: Katie Fischer (president), Joan Forrest (leader), Lilly McAlister, Jenna Fisher, Phillip Applequist, Halle Barker, Dr. Kristy Mull (leader).



# Forever 4-H



**Grayson Maxwell:**

My name is Grayson Maxwell. This is my first year in 4-H. I joined Zook Zippers 4-H Club. My mom and grandpa Frick were members of this club growing up.



I had so much fun this year. I had many projects and I liked many parts of them all. It is hard to pick a favorite so I am exploring lots of things right now.

In the beef project I had fun raising a bucket calf and a bucket feeder calf. Ella and Buddy liked their food and I loved them.

In Clothing Buyman-ship I learned to pick out clothes and model. I learned how to wash my clothes.

In Foods I learned to make many kinds of cookies. I helped with family meals and gave a demonstration this year at Club Day and Regionals.

Bicycle was fun and good exercise. I learned safety first and to take care of my bike!

Photography project helped me take a good picture of Fort Larned. I met the Kansas Governor to be awarded a Kindle in the Happy Birthday Kansas Photo Contest. I took many cool pictures at the capital that I entered at the fair.

For crops I raised Wheat and rode in the combine. While swathing my Alfalfa hay the swather got stuck in the mud. The Kansas State Wheat Show was fun to learn more about wheat, bread, photos, weeds, and the whole wheat cookies. My exhibits did well and the tours were

fun.

In my Flower project I learned the best flowers to plant for butterflies are Zinnias. I built some new flower beds and love to see how pretty they are.

My garden loved the rain this year. I sold zucchini from my garden and love to eat everything I grew in my backyard.

I added to my Sheep project by buying new ewes to breed. I had fun meeting new people at all the spring shows. My lambs got better showing. They are bigger than me but lead well on a halter. For Shepherd's Lead, I wore a wool outfit with a scarf on my lamb. I showed my market lamb at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

One of my favorite projects is Robotics. I learned to build R2-D2 robot by a kit. I showed him to other club members when I did a talk at 4-H Club Day.

Rocketry was fun to build and launch a rocket. I learned how you have to sand the fins a lot so it can fly higher.

My pigs were so fun to watch and have them follow me. I learned to feed them, show them, and enter one in the Carcass Show. I was sad when the pigs left. They were my friends.

Arts & Crafts was fun to make many new crafts. My favorite was a clay pot dog because I used spray paint. I love to build many Legos like Star Wars and planes.

I went to many events this year in 4-H. I attended Skill-a-thon meetings, many project meetings. I helped with fund raisers for our club, set up chairs, take down at the 4-H events.

I did my first talk at 4-H Club Day and went

to Regionals. I was part of both model meetings. I gave many talks to my club during the year. I had so much fun learning at the field trip meetings.

I loved going to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. I met some new friends and saw them at other 4-H fairs during the summer. At camp I loved to swim, ride horses, and do leather crafts. I want to go again.

This year 4-H let me go to many events all over the state, learn, meet new people, and grow. I am excited to do new things in my projects, take a new project and have more fun in 4-H.

**Evelyn Brownlee:**

My name is Evelyn Brownlee and this is my first year in 4-H in the Zook Zippers Club.



I live on a farm near Larned and the Zook Clubhouse. This year in 4-H I liked rocketry and art the best. The hardest challenge was meeting the goals I set for myself in my projects. I learned about a lot of stuff like how to make, fix, and launch a rocket. I also learned how to knit a purse and make cookies. I loved spending time with my pigs and my cousin Alea who showed me all about showmanship. The best part about being in 4-H this year was learning how it worked and making all of my projects. It was great to be in the 4-H division and not just Open Class at the fair! Next year I'm planning more fun than this year and I won't be as rushed to get my things done!

**Jarett Seeman:**

Hi, my name is Jarett Seeman, and I am a ninth grader at Larned High School. I have been in the Gem Dandys 4-H Club for



seven years now. This year, I have served as our club secretary, and I enrolled in the following projects: shooting sports, leadership, foods, plant sciences, Secretary's notebook, electric work, and reading. For the fourth year in a row, I took a project to the Kansas State Fair--my wheat jar for the crops display (you aren't eligible to take a project to the State Fair until you are nine years old). It got a purple, so I was pretty happy. It's always fun to go and see the exhibits, the animals, and of course, eat the food and ride the rides!

Throughout the year, I was involved in many 4-H activities, including attending County Club Day in February; Space Camp at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, the Pawnee County Shoot-out, and Regional Club Day in March; helping with 4th Grade Ag Day in April; attending Discovery Days in May; participating in the Pawnee County Fair in July; and attending the Kansas State Fair in September. At our County Club Day, I served as room monitor, did an ARI (Application/Resume/Interview), and was part of our Model Meeting. At Regionals, I was also part of the Model Meeting for the county composite.

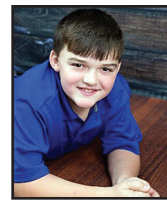
My favorite part of 4-H is our Pawnee County Fair and the Kansas State Fair. During the summer, my family and I put a lot of work into preparing for fair--we do a lot of work with our cattle and our projects. One thing I learned this year is that even if you don't have a lot of projects at Fair, you are STILL very, very busy! The other things I like about 4-H include camp and the Shoot-out. Fair is my favorite time, though, because of the activities--working the concession stand, hanging out with my friends in the barn, going to the Ranch Rodeo, going to the campers with my buddies, doing the

Redneck Olympics/pig wrestling.... it's all really fun!

Do you know what else I like about 4-H? The trips! Though this year was amazing, I do have some goals for next year: I want to do more with leadership in 4-H and become an ambassador for our county; I want to remain secretary of my club; I'm planning on trying photography again as a project; and I want to do a wood-working project again, probably this winter, so I have plenty of time to get it ready for Fair. I am also going to try joining Skill-a-thon, just to see what it is all about. There really is never a "down time" with 4-H; we always have something we are involved with or getting ready for!

**James Seeman:**

Hi, my name is James Seeman, and I am 11 years old. I am a sixth grader at Holy Family Elementary School in Great Bend. This is my fourth year in 4-H, and I am in the Gem Dandys 4-H Club. This year, I enrolled in bucket calf and bucket feeder, market steer, wheat jar, alfalfa, milo, soybeans, soybean jar, photography, shooting sports, and woodworking. Fair is my favorite thing in 4-H, but the Pawnee County Shoot-out is a close second. I love archery, and I won second in my age division at the meet in March--I got a medal! I also won second place in the novice division at the Pawnee County Trap Shoot at the Fair in July.



Throughout the year, I participated in County Club Days, Regional Club Days, Shooting Sports, and I went to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs and Space Camp at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. I really enjoyed both experiences. It is a lot of fun to hang out with my friends in 4-H! During fair, I helped with Fair

Clean-up before and after fair, helped run the concession stand, was in the Bucket Calf/Bucket Feeder Show, the Beef Show, and the Redneck Wipeout. I really enjoyed them all! I would say the best part of fair was all of the activities--there is something going on all the time: animal shows, contests, free watermelon feeds, hamburger feeds, kids hanging out in the barn, camper fun, Ranch Rodeo, Team Roping, Redneck Wipeout with Pig Wrestling--you name it! I connected with my old friends, too, especially my camp roommate, Gavin. Since I don't go to school in Larned, it has taken me a couple of years to get to know kids my age. 4-H has allowed me the opportunity to do just that!

This year in my projects, I learned that I need to improve in showmanship. I did much better this year, though, than last year. I got really nervous during the Beef Show, so I have some goals to improve upon for next year--I want to have an older 4-Her come out and help me with using the show stick more efficiently to get my cattle to stand correctly. I also have decided that I want to complete another wood-working project--I am in the middle of another refinishing project right now in my garage. I refinished a children's picnic table for Fair, and now I am refinishing a side table. The thing I really disliked about my cattle project this year, though, is that I had to say goodbye to Titan, my bucket feeder. He was sold in the auction, which I really hated--it broke my mom's heart, and she and I both were very sad when the cattle were taken from the fairgrounds Saturday night. Dad reminded me that this is what the beef project is about, and that I have to let go. It just was really hard, since I had had him, since he was two days old. Lastly, the thing that I like most

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