



WILSON COUNTY 4-H **NEWS LETTER**



FAIR FOLLOW-UP

We are deeply grateful for each and every one of you. Throughout the fair, it was incredible to see everyone step in—whether lending a hand, offering words of encouragement and advice, or simply providing a safe place to land after a long day. That spirit of support and teamwork is truly where the heart of 4-H shines. Thank you for working together to keep our fair running smoothly. Your efforts mean more than we can ever express.

PRE-ENROLLMENT EDITION

ENROLLMENT IS CLOSE!!

It's almost here!

4-H Enrollment opens October 1st and this year's theme says it all: BEYOND READY. 4-H isn't just about projects and ribbons—it's about preparing youth for what's next. From building confidence and leadership skills to learning hands-on life lessons, 4-H members don't just get ready for the future...they become Beyond Ready to take it on. Join us this year and discover how 4-H can help your child grow, lead, and succeed.

IMPORTANT

Wilson County 4-H council meeting will be held on November 16th, FOLLOWING Officer Training.

Calendar of Events

September

- **4th : State fair exhibit deadline**
- **6–15th : Kansas State Fair – Hutchinson**
- **24–26th : Old Iron Days**

Enroll at: v2.4honline.com

October

- **1st | Online Enrollment Opens**
- **1st : Record books, KS Awards Applications, Achievement plans, Key Award Applications are Due.**
- **1st Kick Off Kickball Tournament @ west Park 1:30**
- **11–12th | 48 Hours of 4–H Service Challenge**
- **15th | KYLF Forum registration due to extension offices**
- **31st | Trunk or Trat**

November

- **11th | Courthouse/ Office Closed for Veterans Day**
- **12th | Helping Youth Thrive: Volunteer Training**
- **15th | 4–H Achievement Banquet**
- **16th | Officer Training / 4–H Council**
- **22–23rd | KYLF & Volunteer Forum @ Rock Springs**
- **27–28th | Thanksgiving Break**

FYI

WATCH LIST

- County Club Days:
February 21st
- Regional Club Days:
February 28th

OFFICERS

Officers Training for newly elected club officers will be **NOVEMBER 16TH AT 2:00PM** at the First National Bank in Fredonia's 4-H Learning Center. We are so excited to see the new leadership step up and learn all the skills of being an officer

COUNCIL

Wilson County 4-H Council will meet November 16th after Officer Training.



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BEYOND READY – FOR ENROLLMENT

Mark your calendars: October 1! 4-H enrollment opens and early sign-ups help families plan projects, events, and leadership roles. Returning AND NEW members—join early and be Beyond Ready for an amazing year.

Enroll at: v2.4honline.com

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

Lucky Horseshoes 4-H club is in charge of the 4-H Achievement Banquet this year. The banquet will be held Saturday November 15th at 6:30 pm at the First National Bank in Fredonia's 4-H Learning Center located at Old Iron.



KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

We are so excited that the Leadership Weekend and the Volunteer forum will be held again this year. The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) is planned for November 22-23rd at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1st, 2026. It will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections and opportunities to learn and of course have fun.

Be looking for registration to come out soon.



2025 County Fair Royalty
Garrett E., Morgan V.,
Tinselle F, Hagen H.



THANK YOU NOTES

Taking the time to send thank you notes to donors and volunteers is one of the most important things you can do to strengthen relationships and ensure continued support. A thoughtful note acknowledges their generosity, validates the time and resources they've given, and reminds them that their efforts truly make a difference. People are far more likely to give again or volunteer in the future when they feel seen, appreciated, and valued.

To make your thank you note stand out, keep these simple tips in mind:

- Be timely: Send your note as soon as possible.
- Be personal: Use their name and reference the specific gift or effort.
- Share impact: Let them know how their support benefited others.
- Add warmth: Write with sincerity, not formality.
- Consider a personal touch: A handwritten note or photo can make it extra memorable.

LEADERS

CLUB LEADERS

If you would like to bring your box to the office for restock you can do that any time. We will get you taken care of.

PROJECT LEADERS

We couldn't do what we do without club and project leaders. Below is a list of project leaders in the county.

- Dog – Megan Gloschen
- Livestock – Cheri Nelsen
- Photography – Eric Marr

Shooting Sports

- Mike Adams – Muzzle loading
- Belinda Adams – Hunting Skills
- Jacob Smith – Air Rifle

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING TEAM

Exploring the Foods and Crafts Projects

Get in the holiday spirit while learning a skill you can use year-round! In this fun and festive workshop, you'll discover the art of dehydrating fruits and herbs for both eating and decorating. Then, roll up your sleeves to create your own beautiful holiday garland and a custom wreath—perfect for gifting or adding a cozy, natural touch to your home. All supplies provided! \$20 per participant to register

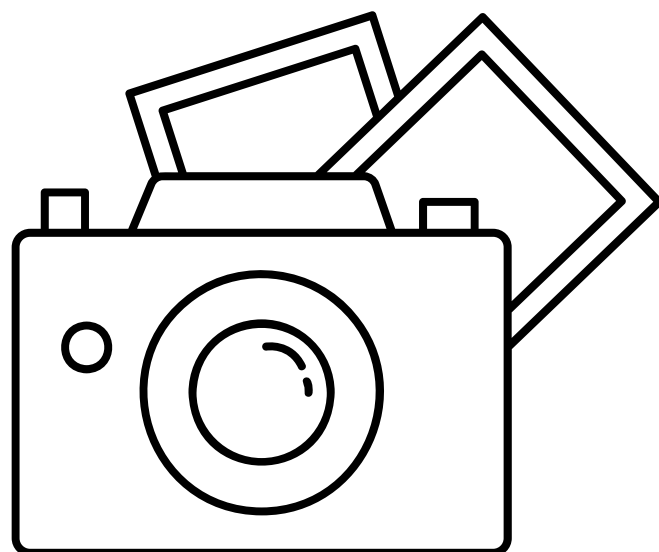
Scholarships for this class might be available

SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING TEAM

Opening weekend of State Fair the photography judging teams traveled to Hutchinson for their state competition. Those competing were Senior Team member: Noel Eisele, Eli McCormick, and Aydan Weaver. The Intermediate Team consisted of Jones Bilby, Oliver Bilby, Lane Eisele and Mac Koenig.

Photo judging consists of a test, 50 questions for seniors and 25 for Intermediates, along with 6 categories of photographs to be ranked and a special "problem" as a final question.

Results were posted Saturday evening, **Wildcat Senior Team placed THIRD!! AND, on top of a top three team finish Noel Eisele placed FIRST in the senior division!** Great job to all participants and well done!





State Sweepstakes

Wildcat district was represented well again this year at the State Sweepstakes in Manhattan on August 23rd. Together the team received 6th place in Overall Sweepstakes, 4th place Sheep and Goats Livestock team, 2nd place Hog Livestock Team, 3rd overall team and FIRST PLACE TEAM in reasons.

Congratulations to the team and all the volunteers that helped coach and support these kiddos.

Kansas 4-H Projects

Animal Science

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pets
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive Arts

Communications
Interior Design & Architecture
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Engineering & Technology

Aerospace/Rocketry
Ag Mechanics Welding
Astronomy
Building Block Engineering
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking

Family & Consumer Sciences

Family Studies
Fiber Arts (includes 9 projects)
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement
Entrepreneurship
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Natural Resources

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports (includes 10 projects)
Wildlife

Plant Sciences

Agronomy
Entomology
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design





KICK BALL *Tournament*

*Join us to
KICK off
the new year!*

SUNDAY, OCT. 5TH | 1:30

WEST PARK BALL FIELDS

For all 4-H members and guests.

State Fair 2025 Results

Reaves, Hunter	Color Photo	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Lehr, Chloe	Color Photo	Purple	Lucky Horseshoe
Stithem, Jace	Color Photo	Purple	Busy Beavers
McCormick, Elijah	Black & White Photo	Purple	Busy Beavers
Bracken, Kenidee	Fine Art	Purple	Busy Beavers
Bilby, Oliver	General Craft	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Francis, Timbrel	Crochet	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Vest, Locklynn	Knitting	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Francis, Timbrel	Foods	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Reaves, Hunter	Foods	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Stithem, Jace	Sewing & Textile	Purple	Busy Beavers
Stithem, Kolter	Sewing & Textile	Purple	Busy Beavers
Black, Naomi	Geology	Purple	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees, Morgan	Wildlife	Purple	Busy Beavers
Studebaker, Allison	Med. Vegetable plate	Purple	Busy Beavers
Meseraull, Jenna	Large Vegetable plate	Purple	Lucky Horseshoe
Bracken, Kenidee	Fresh Flower Arrangement	Purple	Busy Beavers
Cobb, McKinzie	Vet Science	Blue	Top Notch
Cobb, Hayes	Vet Science	Blue	Top Notch
Stich, Delanie	Vet Science	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Bilby, Jones	Photo	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Engelman, Garrett	photo	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees, Morgan	photo	Blue	Busy Beavers

Lehr, Alexis	photo	Blue	Lucky Horseshoe
Stich, Delanie	photo	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Weaver, Aydan	photo	Blue	Top Notch
Croney-Fontes, Brynlee	photo	Blue	Top Notch
Bilby, Oliver	photo	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Gloshen, Gage	photo	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees , Taitum	photo	Blue	Busy Beavers
Pierce, Tysen	photo	Blue	Lucky Horseshoe
Bracken, Kenidee	photo	Blue	Busy Beavers
Meseraull, Jenna	fine art	Blue	Lucky Horseshoe
Francis , Tinselle	crochet	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Studebaker, Allison	macrame	Blue	Busy Beavers
McCormick, Elijah	goods	Blue	Busy Beavers
Francis, Timbrel	preservation	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Francis , Tinselle	preservation	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Gloshen, Gage	sewing	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Bilby, Oliver	building blocks	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Stich, Dawson	small engines	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Stich, Dawson	wildlife	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees , Taitum	agronomy	Blue	Busy Beavers
Vorhees, Morgan	horticulture	Blue	Busy Beavers
Meseraull, Jenna	horticulture	Blue	Lucky Horseshoe
Meseraull, Samuel	horticulture	Blue	Lucky Horseshoe
Reaves, Hunter	horticulture	Blue	High Prairie Pioneers

Engelman, Gabriel	Photo	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees , Taitum	3-D Art	Red	Busy Beavers
Gloshen, Gage	foods	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Weaver, Aydan	ethnic arts	Red	Top Notch
Kuhn, Caleb	foods	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Francis, Tatum	shooting sports	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Vorhees , Taitum	wildlife	Red	Busy Beavers
Reaves, Hunter	soybeans	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Reaves, Hunter	annual garden flower	Red	High Prairie Pioneers
Weaver, Aydan	dog show	Red	
Studebaker, Allison	sewing & Textile	White	Busy Beavers



Beyond Ready

4-H Week Activities

Monday October 6th



Paint the Nation Green by wearing Green!

Thurs. October 9th



4-H For Good! Help your community with a service project type activity

State Fair Livestock and Special Entries

Horse Results

Gibston Tharp - 2nd Place High Point Int.
Speed Division
Gibston Tharp - Barrels 3rd
Gibston Tharp - Flags 3rd
Gibston Tharp - Poles 3rd
Gibston Tharp - Gelding Halter - Participant
Gibston Tharp - Trail - Participant

Garison Tharp - 3rd Place High Point Int.
Speed Division
Garison Tharp - Barrels 9th
Garison Tharp - Flags 1st
Garison Tharp - Poles 2nd

Photography Judging Results

Senior Team - 3rd place
Noel Eisele - 1st Place Senior Individual

Sheep Results

McKinzie Cobb - 6th in Class 18
McKinzie Cobb - 12th in Class 23
Eli McCormick - 15th in Class 20

State Selection Photos

Chloe Lehr - Foundation Selection
Jace Stithem - State 4-H Selection
Eli McCormick - Rock Springs Selection

Helping Youth Thrive Training

🌟 Volunteers, mark your calendars! 🌟

We're thrilled to invite you to our Helping Youth Thrive training on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM at the First National Bank's 4-H Learning Center in Fredonia.

As a 4-H volunteer, YOU play a powerful role in helping young people grow into their best selves. One way we do this is by guiding them to discover their "SPARK" — that special interest or passion that brings meaning and joy.

🔥 Last year, we focused on helping members find their sparks.

🌱 This year, we'll dive deeper into nurturing sparks through developmental relationships — the supportive, encouraging connections that help youth truly thrive.

This will be a valuable and inspiring evening of learning, sharing, and growing together. Let's join forces to strengthen our impact and empower the next generation of leaders.

We can't wait to see you there — together, let's help our youth THRIVE! 🌟

For adult volunteers and your teen leaders