

**OCTOBER 1-7, 2023** 

## **Audrain County celebrates National** 4-H Week: October 1-7

youth, families, and caring adults to foster personal growth, community involvement, and lasting friendships. Each year, National 4-H Week is celebrated by millions of youth, parents, volunteers, and alumni coming together to promote the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H. "I love 4-H" is this year's theme, and it celebrates 4-H as one family with many hearts and smiles.

4-H provides opportunities for youth to find their spark by providing educational opportunities, caring mentors, and service-learning opportunities. Youth choose their own path and are guided by volunteers with similar passions.

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"I cannot express how much I love Missouri 4-H's members, volunteers, families, faculty and staff," says Lupita Fabregas, Sr. Program Director of Missouri 4-H. "We are truly one big family with many passionate individuals committed to personal growth, leadership, and making a positive impact in our world."

Fabregas challenges each member and volunteers to show their 4-H spirit during National 4-H week and

4-H is a fantastic organization that brings together recruit at least one new member for their 4-H family. Missouri 4-H has a broad range of project topics and delivery methods to ensure that there is an opportunity for all Missouri youth to participate in 4-H.

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In Audrain County, more than 287 4-H youth and 200 volunteers from the community are involved in 4- H.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit https:/4h.missouri.edu/

#### About 4-H

More than 55,000 members strong, Missouri 4-H is an active, dynamic organization of young people who are learning, growing, and preparing to be the leaders of today and tomorrow - making a real difference in their community, country, and world. 4-H is the youth development program of the University of Missouri and the nation's Cooperative Extension System. For more information on Missouri 4-H, visit 4h.missouri. edu.

For more information, contact University of Missouri Extension - Audrain County, audrainco@missouri. edu; 573-581-3231.



**Brant Cope** 



Wyatt Jung 4th year in 4H has been the song/game leader for 3 yrs. Been involved with Robotics, Welding, Woodworking, Shooting Sports, Dogs and Bacon. Participated in the Missouri State 4 H shoot, had his shooting sports project go to the Missouri State Fair, and was the Audrain Prince this year. He has helped run the Country Bumpkin game booth, and assisted in the food stand. Favorite part of 4H is learning new skills.



Wade 1st year as a 4H member, 3 years as a Clover Kid. He has participated in Clover Kid Camp, Woodworking, Robotics Gardening, Shooting Sports and Bacon. Shooting sports project went to Missouri State Fair. His favorite part of this year was selling his bacon and seeing his project at the fair. Has helped with the Country Bumpkins game booth and decorating our 4H window.



Wyatt Gish has shown goats for 3 years at the Audrain County Youth Fair. This past year, he raised 2 market goats. He likes 4-H because he can make new friends and learn new things

## **No Limits is State Fair highlight**

Brant Cope is joined by Jacob Vandivort at the Missouri State Fair. Brant was Vandivort's sponsor at the No Limits Pig Show The show provided youth with cognitive and/or physical challenges the opportunity to enter the show ring at the Missouri State Fair. Each of the novice youth exhibitors was paired with an experienced 4-H or FFA swine "ambassador". The goal was to give the novice exhibitors a day without limits; a day where they could be a regular kid showing an animal at the state fair; and as such, experience the adrenaline, camaraderie, and excitement that happens in the show ring. [Submitted]

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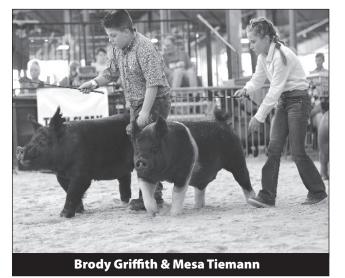
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Brody Griffith (Centralia) and Mesa Tiemann (Hallsville) both members of F and L Hustlers 4-H won their age division Showmanship. Brody Griffith won his class with his dark cross breeding gilt and went on to win Reserve Champion Dark Cross Heavyweight. Brody is the son of Aaron and Melissa Griffith and was a recipient of the First Time Exhibitor Grant for the Missouri State Fair. He also donated his barrow to Hogs for Hunger after the fair was over.





Klyde Adams- Age 10, Swine (named Bacon), F&L Hustlers, Audrain County Fair

## A message from a 4-H Mom

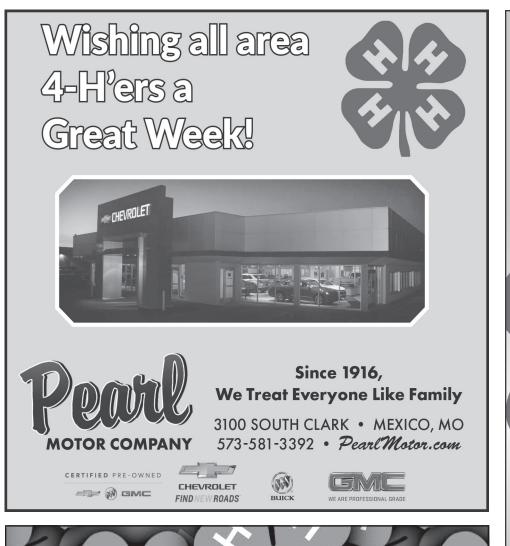
I was a member of 4-H when I was a kid and loved it so much I wanted my kids to be a part of it as well. I'm now the Club leader of the Merry Martins and my goal and hope is that every member enjoys 4-H as much as I did as a kid. - *Brooke Poindexter* 

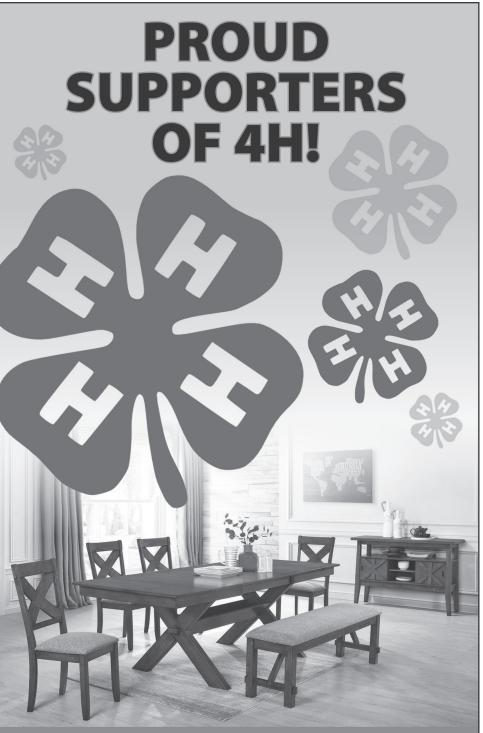


Andrew Poindexter

Andrew has been a member of the Merry Martins 4-H club for 7 years. He has taken lots of projects in his time in 4-H, but photography, woodworking and robotics are the projects he has enjoyed the most. He has held several office and he currently is the club Parliamentarian.

I have attached a picture of him with his sword rack that he made for fair this year.





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Ava Thacher is a member of the Busy Beavers 4-H Club. One of her projects is gardening. She grew giant pumpkins to show at the 4-H fair in July.



Haley Stone joined 4H as a Clover Kid with Merry Martins in Martinsburg at the age of 6 and she is now 14 and serves as historian for the club. Haley has worked on various projects through the years including arts, welding and robotics, but her favorite is photography.

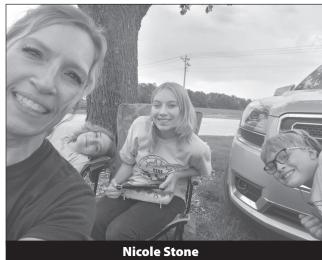




Caleb Stone joined 4H as a Clover Kid when he was 5 years old with the Merry Martins in Martinsburg and he is now 9. Caleb's favorite parts of being in 4H are doing the trash pick ups around town and showing his projects at the fair. He has particularly enjoyed talking with the judges.





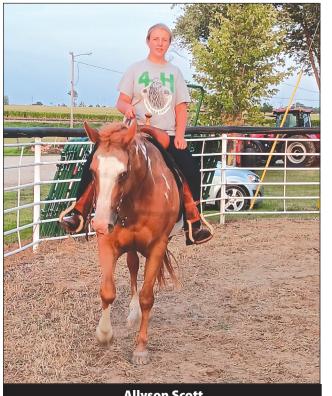


Nicole Stone--I was not in 4H as a child but I have been involved for the past 8 years with my children as part of the Merry Martins club in Martinsburg. I have served as a project leader for cake decorating, arts and crafts, and any other projects my children were involved in. Currently, I am serving as co-leader of our club and my goal is to get our kids more excited about being in 4H.



Clara Stone joined 4H with the Merry Martins in Martinsburg when she was 9 years old and is now a senior in high school and serves a as president for the club. Clara has always favored the art related projects.





**Allyson Scott** 

Allyson Scott participates in the horse program.

#### Late 1800's: Making connections

In the late 1800's, researchers discovered adults in the farming community did not readily accept new agricultural developments on university campuses, but found that young people were open to new thinking and would experiment with new ideas and share their experiences with adults. In this way, rural youth programs introduced new agriculture technology to communities.

The idea of practical and "hands-on" learning came from the desire to connect public school education to country life. Building community clubs to help solve agricultural challenges was a first step toward youth learning more about the industries in their community.

1902: Youth clubs are formed

A. B. Graham started a youth program in Clark County, Ohio, in 1902, which is considered the birth of 4-H in the United States. The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club". T.A. Erickson of Douglas County, Minnesota, started local agricultural after-school clubs and fairs that same year. Jessie Field Shambaugh developed the clover pin with an H on each leaf in 1910, and by 1912 they were called 4-H clubs.

#### **1914: Cooperative extension** system is created

The passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914 created the Cooperative Extension System at USDA and nationalized 4-H. By 1924, 4-H clubs were formed and the clover emblem was adopted.

The Cooperative Extension System is a partnership of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 100 landgrant universities and more than 3,000 county offices across the nation. Cooperative Extension combines the expertise



My name is Jonathan Gronefeld and I have been a member of F&L Hustlers 4-H Club for 9 years. I am currently enrolled in the Dog project. We teach our dogs Obedience, Showmanship, Agility and Rally. We also learn how to keep our dogs healthy. This year I made a poster of Common Dog Parasites.

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Alex Poindexter has been a member of the Merry Martins for 4 years and was a clover kid for 3 years before for a total of 7. He has enjoyed learning woodworking, welding, arts-n-crafts and photography. He has held many offices in his time in 4-H and he is currently the corresponding secretary.

Since 4-H began more than 100 years

youth development organization.

ago, it has become the nation's largest

and resources of federal, state, and local governments and is designed to meet the need for research, knowledge and educational programs.

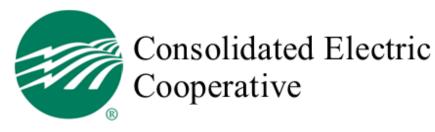
#### 4-H today

Today, 4-H serves youth in rural, urban, and suburban communities in every state across the nation. 4-H'ers are tackling the nation's top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. 4-H out-of-school programming, inschool enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of STEM opportunities - from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science - to improve the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.









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