



WARREN COUNTY

# 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 2-8, 2022



**4-H WEEK** — The Warren County Commission gathered with local 4-H students and club sponsors to sign a proclamation declaring Oct. 2-8 as 4-H Week in Warren County. The local proclamation is part of national recognition for the agriculture education, life skills and personal development that 4-H offers to youth. Submitted photo.



## Foods 1 fun and learning

Submitted by Emma Miederhoff, Elkhorn 4-H Club

4-H can teach you many things. This year I took the Foods 1 project and I learned how to bake things.

I learned two important things. First, I learned how to measure dry and wet ingredients. I also learned how to use an electric mixer. Learning both of these things is very important.

I made lots of different things. The easiest thing I made was chocolate chip cookies. My favorite thing I made was a dump cake. I made a cherry, apple and blueberry dump cake and I liked the apple one the best. I also learned how to bake cupcakes and make pancakes. Baking is fun to me.

4-H lets me do fun things. I also get to make new friends that like to do the same things I like to do.

## Gov. Parson proclaims 4-H Week in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY — Gov. Mike Parson has proclaimed Oct. 2-8 as National 4-H Week in Missouri. 4-H State Council President Emily Taylor, Vice President Lynn Dyer and council adviser Erin Stanley received the proclamation at the governor's office from Lt. Gov. Mike Kehoe.

This year's "Opportunity4All" campaign rallies support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program. Missouri 4-H joins millions of youths, parents, volunteers and alumni across the nation in celebrating the many positive youth development opportunities that National 4-H offers.

With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families, and communities across the country. 4-H believes every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed and the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

"Our faculty and staff have been working hard to expand the reach of 4-H in Missouri by offering programming in many different ways," said Lupita Fabregas, Missouri 4-H director. "You will find 4-H opportunities in rural areas, urban areas and everywhere in between tailored to fit a family's lifestyle. This will help us meet the National 4-H goal of serving 10% of our state's youth by 2025."

Fabregas challenges youths and volunteers to "show their 4-H spirit during National 4-H week and recruit at least one more member for your 4-H club. We have more than 100 project topics, so there is an opportunity for all in Missouri 4-H."

"We believe youth perspectives are so important and a solution to eliminating the opportunity gap because young people come with new ideas and new ways of seeing the world," said Jennifer Sirangelo, National 4-H Council president and CEO. By encouraging diverse voices and innovative actions, Sirangelo said, 4-H believes that solutions can be found to address the educational, economic and health issues that have created an opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across the U.S.

While each community will celebrate National 4-H week in its own way, there are several ways that all Missouri 4-H'ers can join in the fun. Print a flyer that

proclaims, "A Proud 4-H'er Lives Here" and tape it to your window, use the 4-H Canva template to change your photo on Facebook and participate in 4-H Spirit Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, by wearing your 4-H clover to work or school. Everything you need is found in the Missouri 4-H branding toolkit at [mizzou.us/4Hbranding](http://mizzou.us/4Hbranding). Contact your local MU Extension office to participate in local celebrations.

In Missouri, more than 47,000 youths and 5,000 volunteers are involved in 4-H. Besides the more traditional community clubs, youths can also participate in after-school or in-school clubs, Special Interest (SPIN) clubs or 4-H programs such as Soccer for Success, Youth Futures or Juntos.

New this year is On My Own, an interactive financial simulation designed by University of Tennessee Extension. During the simulation, students become the major income provider for their households, which may include a spouse and children. Using a hypothetical occupation and income, students work through a month of expenses that include housing, utilities, transportation, insurance, food, child care, clothing, entertainment and expenses from unexpected events.

For information on these programs, visit [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu). You can also contact your local MU Extension center and speak to a 4-H specialist. Contacts to local offices can be found at [extension.missouri.edu/locations](http://extension.missouri.edu/locations).

One of the most anticipated events of National 4-H Week every year is the 4-H STEM Challenge. This year's theme is Explorers of the Deep. Hundreds of thousands of youths across the nation are expected to take part throughout October. Designed by Rutgers University, this challenge focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with ocean robots! Young people learn to use science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to explore Earth's ocean and how it relates to all life on the planet.

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, visit [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu).



## Aaron Paul - Rolling Stones 4-H

My name is Aaron Paul. I am a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H club. I have been an active member for 5 years now. My projects include beef, shooting sports and arts and crafts. My favorite thing about 4-H is that I get to hang out with kids who love the same projects as I do. I like that we give back to our community with different missions.



## Kinze Dent - Prairie View 4-H

My name is Kinze Dent, and I am a member of Prairie View 4-H club. My favorite project is my beef project. I purchase two market steers every year in September and start breaking them and making sure they are calm and show ready.

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# Found the beef project to be most rewarding

Submitted by Cole Noltkamper - Rolling Stones 4-H Club

My name is Cole Noltkamper, and I have been a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H club for six years. I have been able to do multiple projects in 4-H such as woodworking, dog project, poultry, sports fishing, swine and beef project. My favorite project is probably sports fishing, but the one I enjoy and have learned a lot in is beef.

The beef project has been a very educational project for me since we have a place to keep our animals at our house. My grandparents are very generous and let us keep all our cows over at their farm, where the process begins. That is where we have our chute set-up so the vet can come out and vaccinate and pregnancy check our cows. It is also where we put the fair calves when we start breaking them for the fair. My dad and I spend time checking out the Cattle Visions book where we purchase semen and experiment with our cows to get better looking, thicker built, hairier calves to show at the fair. We talk to Derrick Davidson, who owns Davidson show cattle, and see

what has worked best on his cows and what he sees working with our cows. Kevin Schnarre, our 4-H beef leader, also helps with basic beef production knowledge and practices. We have a great crop of A.I. calves that were born this year. In February, we anxiously wait for the new arrivals that always seem to make an appearance on the coldest days of the year. We love seeing the color and patterns we get with each birth. I like picking out my steer for the next year and watching them grow, learn, and develop trust.

Our family puts a lot of time into walking, washing, blow drying, and brushing our steers getting them ready for the show ring. Dad continually encourages us and reiterates the important tips during this process. I feel pride in the show ring that I have raised him and am very proud. Sadness does come when its time for goodbye, but I know I have helped produce a quality product for the family or business that purchases him at the fair. For me, 4-H has provided me with people and opportunities I probably wouldn't get anywhere else. Now I see that I can help others starting in the beef project also.

4-H member Madison Dent prepares to exhibit her animal in a beef show. Raising and exhibiting livestock is one of the most common ways that 4-H members learn about hard work, responsibility, and agriculture. Submitted photo.

## Breck Schroer, Age 8 - Prairie View 4-H

I am excited for my first year in 4-H this year as a member of Prairie View 4-H club. Last year, I was a Clover Kid and really liked making the projects at the meet-

ings. I am most excited to be able to see my friends at the meetings, learning new things and getting to show my animals at the fair that are on our farm.

## Adalee Schroer, Age 8 - Prairie View 4-H

This is my first year being able to be a 4-H member; last year I was a clover kid in Prairie View 4-H. I really enjoyed being a clover kid and doing projects at the meetings,

but I am excited to be a member this year. I am most looking forward to learning new things, seeing friends that don't go to school with me, and being able to show my

animals that we raise on our farm.



Miley Sosa, 14, is a member of Camp Branch 4-H Club. It is her first year of welding, and she is excited for this year's classes to begin. Submitted photo.

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Avigail Bachamp, 13, is a member of Big Creek 4-H Club. She has participated in Shooting Sports for two years. Submitted photo.



Rolling Stones 4-H club members stopped for a photo next to their display celebrating 4-H Week at the downtown Wright City gazebo. 4-H clubs have erected other celebratory displays all over Warren County. The Rolling Stones meet in Wright City at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at UCC. Submitted photo.

## 4-H public speaking contest allows Missouri youth to shine

On September 24, 4-H'ers from across the state participated in one of Missouri 4-H's oldest and most popular competitions, the 4-H State Public Speaking Contest, held on MU's campus. Fifty-two youth from 24 counties participated.

These 4-H'ers worked hard all year to prepare for this experience which allows them to showcase their skills to a panel of judges. Senior participants that won first place in one of the six categories had the opportunity to show off their skills to participants and their families at the end of the contest.

4-H youths begin at a young age to learn to speak in front of others by giving age-appropriate demonstrations to their peers, and then participating in conference judging for their projects.

Awards are presented to the top three competitors in each category and age division. This year's winners are:

- Junior Business Pitch: Brooklyn Bergsicker, Lafayette County, First Place.

- Intermediate Extemporaneous: Asher Ahrens, Cape Girardeau County, First Place; Katelyn Miller, Warren County, Second Place; Lea Simmons, Putnam County, Third Place.

- Senior Extemporaneous: Andrew Shelton, Barton County, First Place; Sara Tuschhoff, Gasconade County, Second Place.

- Junior Humorous Interpretation: Bailey Middleton, Monroe County, First Place.

- Intermediate Humorous Interpretation: Joy Krueth, Barton County, First Place; Marah Greiman, Marion County, Second Place.

- Intermediate Dramatic Interpretation: Kaycie Hollrah, St. Charles County, First Place; Mackenzie Hill, Clay County, Second Place.

- Senior Dramatic Interpretation: Ayla Foreman, Christian County, First Place.

- Junior Technology Assisted: Molly Wright, Clay County, First Place; Mary Wright, Clay County, Second Place; Kinsey Heisey, Caldwell County, Third Place.

- Intermediate Technology Assisted: Grant Owen, Carroll County, First Place; Charles Goodnight, Greene County, Second Place; Jacey Heisey, Caldwell County,

- Senior Technology Assisted: Ashton Roe, Clinton County, First Place; Taya Lenz, Clinton County, Second Place.

- Junior Prepared Speech: Makenna Stephens, Lafayette County, First Place; Sullivan Holder, Clinton County, Second Place; Malachi Siebert, Jasper County, Third Place.

- Intermediate Prepared Speech: Mallory Hall, Johnson County, First Place; Brody Phillips, Lafayette County, Second Place; Makayla Roe, Clinton County, Third Place.

- Senior Prepared Speech: Katelyn Wright, Clay County, First Place; Isabella Hamner, Camden County, Second Place; Reagan O'Farrell, Bates County, Third Place.

## Shot of the Week



Regina Lawrence holds her baby brother, Lindell Runnels, and sister Ellen Merry holds a lamb for Easter. Submitted by Regina Lawrence

**Good news:** We've revamped our submission categories for our Shot of the Week photo contest! Almost all of our categories are new this year, with just a few returning favorites mixed in. We look forward to seeing all your submissions for these categories in 2022:

- January — At Work/People of Warren County
- February — Out in the Cold
- March — Quirky Kids
- April — Pets and Farm Animals
- May — In the Garden
- June — What's on the Menu?
- July — Vacation Destination
- August — What's In Your Garage?
- September — Off to College
- October — Decades Past
- November — Multi-generation Family
- December — Holiday Spirit

Email your photo submissions to [RecordClass@WarrenCountyRecord.com](mailto:RecordClass@WarrenCountyRecord.com), and we'll select one photo each to feature in *The Record*!

**The Warren County Record commemorates our local 4-H club members for their ongoing hard work and dedication. We hope to continue sharing stories of your learning and achievements for many years to come.**






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