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Local 4-Her wins award at State 4-H Public Speaking Contest

On Sept. 28, 4-Hers from across Missouri participat-ed in one of Missouri 4-H's oldest competitions, the State 4-H Public Speaking Contest held on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

59 4-Hers from 25 counties gathered to show off their skills.

These 4-Hers worked hard all year to prepare for this annual culminating 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.

In 4-H, youths begin to learn to speak in front of others at a young age by giving age-appropriate demonstrations to their peers, and then participating in conference judging for their projects. Through this contest, 4-Hers grow in their abilities. The contest consists of five speech categories, appealing to a variety of interests and skill levels.

Awards are presented to the top three competitors in each category and age division. Senior category winners give their speeches during wards, where a senior overall winner is decided.

Matthew O'Brien of the Elkhorn 4-H Club in Warren County placed first in the junior extemporaneous category, the rest of the winners are as follows.

Intermediate business pitch: Blake Steen, Osage County, first place

Junior extemporaneous: Matthew O'Brien, Warren County, first place; Tell Legg, Lewis County, second place; Lillian Gamble, Lincoln County, third place

Intermediate extemporaneous: Brooklyn Bergsieker, Lafayette County, first place; Emily Smith, St. Charles County, second place; Alexis Walton, Callaway County, third place.

Senior extemporaneous: Alyssa Thornhill, Adair County, first place; Ali Huffstetter, St. Charles County, second place; Zachary Kay, McDonald County, third place.

Junior interpretation: Jacob Shepherd, Marion County, first place.

Intermediate interpretation: Abbie Gieselman, Lafayette County, first place; Molly Wright, Clay County,

A letter from Adalee Schroer





second place.

Senior interpretation: Katelyn Wright, Clay County, first place; Joy Krueth, Barton County, second place.

Junior technology assisted: Adeline Bondy, Monroe County, first place; Lucas He, St. Louis County, second place; Samuel Chapins, Cooper County, third place.

Intermediate technology assisted: Makenna Ste-phens, Lafayette County, first place; Rance Grieman, Marion County, second place; Kinsey Heisey, Caldwell County, third place.

Senior technology assisted: Alex Dyer, Lafayette County, first place; Aiden Edmonds, Clay County, second place; Alyssa Harris, Livingston County, third place.

Junior prepared speech: Oliver Bickell, Osage County, first place; Luke Shepard, Marion County, second place; Conrad Schulte, Osage County, third place.

Intermediate prepared speech: Mary Wright, Clay County, first place; Sullivan Holder, Daviess County, second place; Faith Norris, Clay County, third place.

Senior prepared speech: Marah Grieman, Marion County, first place; Ellie Samek, Polk County, second place; Jacey Heisey, Caldwell County, third place.

Senior overall: Katelyn Wright, Clay County, interpretation.

I am 10 years old and I am in my third year of 4-H. The last two years in 4-H I learned a lot, met some new friends and it was my favorite year so far. From holding



A letter from Grant Korman

My name is Grant Korman. I am 12 years of age and my parents are Bart and Sarah Korman. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. My projects include shooting sports, small engines, goats, woodworking and welding.

My favorite project is shooting sports because I improved my shooting skills and had a lot of fun.

My best 4-H memory is the first time I sold a goat. I was so nervous and excited at the same time.

A letter from Ty Mikus

My name is Ty Mikus. I am 12 years of age and my parents are Dave and Alexis Mikus. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club and this is my fifth year in 4-H. My projects include hogs and goats.

My favorite project is hogs, steers once and goats, because I like learning more each year to help get better at showing.

My best 4-H memory was in 2024, it was my first time showing goats and it was the best.

A letter from Wyatt Korman

My name is Wyatt Korman. I am 14 years of age and my parents are Bart and Sarah Korman. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club and this is my eighth year in 4-H. My projects include goats, shotguns, woodworking, welding, line dancing and small engines.



A letter from Tyler Edwards

My name is Tyler Edwards and I am seven years old. I am a member of the Elkhorn 4-H Club. This is my first year in 4-H! Last year I was in clover kids. I loved making projects during the meetings and being able to take a few to the Warren County Fair. This year my projects will be beef, welding, sport fishing and exploring 4-H. I cannot wait to show my two steers I have picked out of our home raised calves. My favorite memory of 4-H is showing in the jackpot steer show at the Warren County Fair this past summer.



A letter from Gavin Pollard

My name is Gavin Pollard. I am eight years of age and my parents are Jarred and Becca Pollard. I am a member of the Homestead 4-H Club and this is my second year in 4-H. My projects include swine, sport fishing, archery and golf.

My favorite project is swine, because last year was fun raising pigs for the first time.

My best 4-H memory was the fair. I especially liked showing my pigs with my cousins and helping in the livestock barn.

A letter from Jack Dutton



A letter from Olivia Pollard

My name is Olivia Pollard. I am 10 years of age and my parents are Jarred and Becca Pollard. I am a member of the Homestead 4-H Club. This is my third year in 4-H and my projects include poultry, swine, archery, floriculture, cake decorating and crochet.

My favorite project is swine because I had fun and learned a lot raising pigs for the fair last year.

My best 4-H memory is the poultry show at the fair because I was able to show my favorite laying hens. This year was even more fun because many of my friends showed chickens too.

A letter from June Lawler

Hello, my name is June Lawler, I am a part of the Elkhorn 4-H club and this was my first year in 4-H. I chose to be in 4-H because a few of my friends were in 4-H and they told me really cool and interesting stories, along with the activities they did, and I thought it sounded really fun and like something I would enjoy, so I tried it out. It turns out, I had an amazing experience and a lot of fun! Here are some of the things I enjoyed. I loved entering projects at the fair, I also had a really fun time showing my animals at the Warren County Fair and I won some ribbons. I encourage you to join us for a lot of cool and fun activities we will do this year! I hope to see you soon :).

A letter from Adele Lawler

Hello, my name is Adele Lawler and I am a part of the Elkhorn 4-H Club and we did a lot of fun activities this past year. My favorite projects were arts and crafts and poultry. I also loved the auction at the fair, it was a lot of fun selling my chicken that I had raised. There's so many fun things to do in 4-H and I had a great first year. I hope you can join us next year!

A letter from Alice Korman

My name is Alice Korman. I am 10 years of age and my parents are Bart and Sarah Korman. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club and this is my third year in 4-H. My projects include goats, scrapbooking and line dancing.

My favorite project is scrapbooking, because you've got to learn how to balance pictures, use colors and learn the color to make fancy borders and pages.

My best 4-H memory is in line dancing the song asked "how low can you go?" and I was able to do a backbend.

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A Letter from Melia Boyd

My name is Melia Boyd, I am 10 years of age and my parents are Theresa and Jake Boyd. I am a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H Club and this is my fifth year in 4-H.

My projects include market rabbits, dog training, market chickens, line dancing, veterinary science and outdoor adventures.

My favorite project is dog training because I want to train my Boston terrier, tank, how to be a guard dog.

My favorite 4-H memory is the first time showing my market rabbit, Snowball.



A letter from Breck Schroer

I am 10 years old and this is my third year as a 4-H member. This past year in 4-H was really a lot of fun. I learned a lot and enjoyed all the projects I was in. I held the treasurer office in my club and learned how important that role was for keeping accurate records of any receipts and expenses our club had. I took several projects this year, some of my favorites were beef, welding and sport fishing. I really enjoyed welding and sport fishing as I learned a lot and made some awesome items. Being in the beef project, I take pride in raising my own steers from our farm and getting them ready for the fair. I look forward to being able to show them and all the fun at the fair. In welding I made a bench and in sport fishing I made my own fishing pole. Both projects took a lot of time and helped teach me to be patient while doing them. They were also selected for the Missouri State Fair. This year's 4-H slogan is "Beyond Ready" and I think it fits perfectly as I am beyond ready to get started on my projects, meet new friends and work with my new steers.

My name is Jack Dutton. I am 11 years of age and my parents are Paul and Krissy Dutton. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my third year in 4-H and my projects include shooting and fishing.

My favorite project is shooting because it's something that you can always improve on.

My best 4-H memory is getting top 15 in the state shoot.

A letter from Kinze Dent

My name is Kinze Dent. I am 12 years of age and my parents are Travis and Denise Dent.

This is my sixth year in 4-H and my projects include beef, sport fishing and canning.

My favorite project is beef, because of all the memories I've made and my best 4-H memory is the fair.

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Solution Local 4-Hers are 'Beyond Ready'

This year's theme for National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready," we asked 4-Hers what they were beyond ready for in 4-H this year.

Keaton Noltkamper, 16, Rolling Stones: "I am beyond ready for the week and the fair and to show my steer!"

Easton Rohr, 18, Rolling Stones: "I'm ready for fair week 'cause it's the best time of the year!"

Cole Noltkamper, 15, Rolling Stones: "I am beyond ready for the county fair, the steer shows and the week with my buddies."

Calleigh Stumpf, 12, Rolling Stones: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready to win showmanship and get my rabbit to be able to flip over, without flipping out!"

Peyton, 9, Rolling Stones: "I am beyond ready to show rabbits!"

Lexi, 9, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready for caining."

Ty Mikus, 12, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am



A letter from Keaton Noltkamper

My name is Keaton Noltkamper and I have been a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H Club for eight years. I have shown pigs and poultry but my favorite is showing steers. I am beyond excited to go out and look at steers. September is a busy time for evaluating steers at different cattle sales and picking your steer for the new 4-H year. I find pride in walking, washing, blowing and setting up my steer. We bond and grow together as we prepare for the fair and the show ring. I hope to show my steer at other cattle shows and to go to the state fair for the first time in my 4-H career. I enjoy the thrill of competing, hanging out and learning from friends with more experience and I take pride in what my animal and I may accomplish. I am beyond excited to start this year's beef project.

A letter from Lexington Schulte

My name is Lexington Schulte. I am nine years of age and my parents are Leah and Brian Schulte. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club and this is my first year in 4-H. My projects include caining, arts and crafts and exploring 4-H.

My favorite project is caining because I got to try new recipes. My best 4-H memory is caining with my mom. beyond ready for the fair and to show livestock." **Chase Garrett**, 8, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready to show a pig."

I am beyond ready to show a pig." Alice Korman, 10, Prairie View: "I am beyond ready for scrapbooking, being with friends and doing the fair."

Joey Leroy, 10, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready to show animals at the fair."

Myles Garrett, 7, Prairie View: "I am beyond ready for the Clover Kid Parade at the fair!"

Wyatt Korman, 14, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready for goats and shotguns."

Morgan Schneider, 14, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready for enrolling in arts and crafts and getting my steers."

Grant Korman, 12, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready for the fair and shooting sports."

Kinze Dent, 12, Prairie View: "This year in 4-H I am beyond ready for the fair and shooting."

A letter from Amelia Holt

My name is Amelia Holt. I am 13 years of age and my parents are David and Renee Holt. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my fourth year in 4-H and my projects include arts and crafts, dog training, cake decorating and rabbits.

My favorite project is rabbits because I get to do it with my best friend and I love animals.

My best 4-H memory is the 2024 fair in Warren County. I made so many new friends and had fun with my old ones.

A letter from Miles Jaeger

My name is Miles Jaeger. I am nine years of age and my parents are Brooke and Chris Jaeger. I am a member of the Elkhorn 4-H Club. This is my first year in 4-H and my projects include poultry, sport fishing, air rifle and exploring 4-H.

My favorite project is sport fishing because I love to fish. We learned a lot of different things about fishing and I made my own fishing pole. I made a bunch of different lures and was able to fish a bunch. When I catch fish I am able to provide food for my family and that makes me proud.

I loved going to 4-H camp and making new friends. We were able to do so many neat things. I stayed in a cabin with my friends. I also liked going to the Missouri State Fair. I learned a lot this year.

A letter from Emma Flake

My name is Emma Flake and I am 13 years of age. My parents are Matt and Holly Flake and I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my fifth year in 4-H and my projects include rabbits, archery, chickens and arts and crafts.

My favorite project is arts and crafts because I got to make so many projects that I can cherish forever.

My best 4-H memory is the 2024 Warren County Fair. The fair was an awesome time to cherish all the awesome things I got to do in 4-H. I made so many friends from the people in the show barn to the crowd at the auction.



A letter from Dylan Edwards

My name is Dylan Edwards. I am nine years old and I am a member of the Elkhorn 4-H Club. This is my second year in 4-H. Last year was great! I enjoyed showing my steers at the Warren County Fair and bringing all my projects that I had made to the exhibit hall. I made an archery stand for my bow, two bird houses, a cutting board, fishing lures, an apron and I built a fishing pole.

My projects this year will be woodworking, beef, sport fishing and archery. My favorite project is beef because I enjoy watching my home raised cattle grow from little calves born in the pasture and raising them for market by July. I enjoy all the community service projects our club does, especially making the birthday bundles to donate to Agape. My favorite 4-H memory is attending the Out of County Tour with other 4-H members to the Mark Twain Cave and the aquatic center. 4-H has taught me so much and I am so excited to learn more this year.



Brooklyn Young, left, and Kinze Dent, right, best friends who both won reserve champion plaques after showing their market steers at the Warren County Fair. Submitted photo

A letter from Cole Noltkamper

My name is Cole Noltkamper and I am a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H Club. This year I am beyond ready to help the community. This year my club is helping to promote National 4-H Week. We kicked it off with an American Red Cross Blood Drive. My parents donated so I decided to as well. I had never donated before and was not sure if at 16 years old I could. My mom signed a consent form and I was eligible to give. I donated a power red donation where I could donate more red blood cells in one appointment. I was a little nervous but it did not hurt like some may imagine. It felt good to give knowing I could help up to two people in urgent need of blood. I can give power red up to three times a year, that's up to six people a year. I encourage others my age to do the same. I am excited that I have found a simple way to help my community and beyond.

A letter from Kinley Sitze

My name is Kinley Sitze and I am 11 years of age. My parents are Randy and Ashley Sitze and I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my fourth year in 4-H and my projects include rabbits and sheep.

My favorite project is rabbits because they are fun to take care of and I love hare bunnies.

My best 4-H memory is winning showmanship and having fun with friends.

A letter from Harrison Holt

My name is Harrison Holt and I am 12 years of age. My parents are Renee and David Holt and I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my fourth year in 4-H and my projects include rabbits and small engines.

My favorite project is rabbits because I love to play and see my rabbits grow.

My best 4-H memory is that my dad is the leader of the small engines project.

A letter from Calleigh Stumpf

My name is Calleigh Stumpf. I am 12 years of age and my parents are Megan Stumpf and Brad House. I am a member of the Rolling Stones 4-H Club. This is my third year in 4-H and I show rabbits. I chose the rabbit project because it is fun to take care of them and I love showing them. My best 4-H memory is when I shook the judge's hand too early during the showmanship round.

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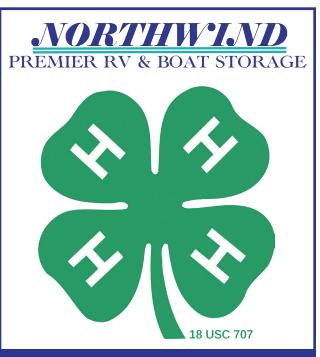
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A letter from Corbyn Sitze

My name is Corbyn Sitze. I am 13 years of age and my parents are Randy and Ashley Sitze. I am a member of the Prairie View 4-H Club. This is my sixth year in 4-H and my projects include rabbits and sheep.

My favorite project is sheep because I learn something new each year. I also kept growing my flock and enjoyed showing.

My best 4-H memory is winning my class and hanging out with friends.



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