

# 4-Hers in Norton County want to say "THANK YOU" to those who have assisted and supported the 4-H Program during the past year

I have been involved in 4-H for nine years now, and many things have changed throughout this time. My hobbies have been transformed into ribbon-winning projects, and I have been transformed from a timid ten year old into an outgoing teen. One thing, however, has always been constant in my 4-H career, and that is Patsy Maddy.

In every project my club has ever done, Patsy has had a hand in it. She has organized so many community service projects that I can't even count them all. When club members need help with their record books, she's there with a patient smile and a helping hand. Come to think of it, I can't even think of a time Patsy has turned down someone when they have asked for help!

However, the best thing about Patsy Maddy is the fact that she never asks for any recognition or complains about how busy she is. She wholeheartedly offers herself to every person that requests her help and never asks for anything in return. I bet if people thanked her for all she has done for them, she would just say that it was nothing.

So, in conclusion, if you have been one of the numerous people who Patsy has done something for, I encourage you to thank her. I know I will, because I would not be the leader I am today without her in my life.

*Annette Becker, Age 18, Busy Jayhawks 4-H Club*

This year I went to Rock Springs 4-H Camp. It was my second year going to Rock Springs 4-H Camp. I met a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun! We took some wildlife classes and shot bow and arrows. There were air rifle and horses to ride, but I chose not to do those. My favorite thing was going swimming!

I can't wait to go back next year and see the friends I have met at camp!

*Rebecca Wentz, Age 9, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

Hi, I am Megan Wentz. I have been a member of the Prairie Dog 4-H club for five years. I like being in 4-H and trying new projects.

One of my favorite projects is Beef. I have been enrolled in the beef project for three years. This year my beef project consists of a breeding heifer and a market steer. I have had my breeding heifer for three years. I raised her from a bucket calf. I planned to take her to the fair, but she wasn't bred. This was my first year taking a market steer to the fair. My market steer was one year old and I raised him from a bucket calf also. He weighed 980 pounds, so I sold him at the 4-H livestock sale. This year I worked a lot on using a show stick. The beef project takes a lot of time. I have to do my chores everyday and help my sisters with their steer and bucket calf.

Some of the other projects that I am enrolled in are: dog, clothing, foods and nutrition, heritage fiber arts, photography, self-determined and arts and crafts. I like 4-H and all the fun that I get to do!

*Megan Wentz, Norcat, Kansas*

My name is Quentin Wentz from the Prairie Dog 4-H Club and this is my first year. I had a lot of fun. I got to exhibit at the fair. I had fun showing my bucket calf, Rover. I got a blue ribbon on him. I also showed my dog, but I didn't do very good with him. I showed a lot of other things at the fair and received a lot of purple and blue ribbons. I can't wait till next year when I get to go to the fair again.

*Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

My name is Wyatt Wentz from the Prairie Dog 4-H Club and this is my fourth year in 4-H. One of my favorite projects was beef. I had a bucket calf last year, and I kept him. It was a lot of work taking care of him all winter long. I keep my calf about a half mile away, and I have to ride my bike over to take care of him every day. I had to feed him, and break ice when it was really cold. I had to do most of the work. My parents told me he was my calf, so he is my responsibility. They did help me a little when it was really, really cold. My calf got big enough for me to show as a steer at the fair. I was really happy that he was big enough. I received a red on him, I then sold him at the auction. I liked this project so much, I can't wait to get another calf to take to the fair next year.

*Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

My name is Jade Braun, and this is my sixth year in the Prairie Dog 4-H Club. This year my projects for the fair were Buymanship, Foods, Leadership and Ceramics. In Buymanship I bought two outfits, a black tank-top and jeans, and a black and white polka-dot dress. I received a blue on my casual outfit and also a blue on my best dressed outfit. This is my fourth year in the Buymanship project.

One of my favorite projects is foods. I have been in this project for six years. For the fair this year I made Cherry Wink cookies and an orange-lemon picnic cake. I sold my cake in the food sale and received fifty-five dollars for it. I really have learned a lot from the foods project over the years.

A new project I tried this year is Leadership. This is a really good project for a lot of people to be in. This school year I played volleyball and did track which helped me learn teamwork. I also was in Gifted and the Scholars bowl. This year I learned a lot of responsibility and leadership skills. All of my school activities helped me with the Leadership project.

Also, I have been doing Ceramics for five years. This year I took a fairy ceramic and a snowman ceramic to the county fair. I received a blue on my fairy and a purple on my snowman. My fairy had a lot of small detail work that took a long time to finish. On the snowman I did a lot of drybrushing to make it look like snow on the tree and on the ground.

This year all of my fair projects were very successful. I really enjoy being in 4-H and taking my projects to the fair.

*Jade Braun, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

I like 4-H because there are a lot of opportunities. I am enrolled in Leadership, Dog, Horse and Arts and Crafts. There are a lot of other projects that you can try, also. I have tried some of them in years past.

I like my animal projects the best. I have a dog named Partner. He is a Blue Heeler-Welsh Corgi cross. We qualified for the State Fair Dog Show this year. I have two horses named Red and Izzy. Red is a three-year-old quarter horse. He is a red roan. Izzy is a five-year-old quarter horse. She is a bay. I am in the leather project for Arts and Crafts. This year I made a Butterfly hairpiece for my mom and a knife case for myself.

I have given several presentations this year on my projects. This is just a sampling of the many things you can do in 4-H.

*Caleb Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

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This year marked the statewide Centennial and recognition of Kansas 4-H. This past year the 4-Hers of Norton County participated in a few special events and activities. Some of these are summarized below:



## 2005-2006 NORTON COUNTY CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES:

- 2005 4-H Achievement Night theme of Centennial — Milestones in State and local 4-H
- 2005-2006 4-H Booth themes at the County Fair and 4-H Ambassadors theme related to Centennial and 4-H promotion in general and featured the Centennial candle.
- A separate 4-H Centennial theme committee was set up to put together ideas for the 2005-2006 year.
- Norton Public Library hosted an open house during 4-H Week to kick off the Centennial. Historical highlights from each club were given at the program.
- Local 4-Hers projects were selected by the Centennial committee at the 2005 Norton County Fair.
- 92 exhibits from 52 4-H members in Arts/Crafts, Clothing, Woodworking, Photography and Self-Determined were shown in October, November and December. A picture collage of livestock, horticultural and crops was exhibited.
- 4-H Council collected a total of \$350 worth of perishable items from all four clubs and delivered them to the Norton County God's Pantry.
- Alumni 4-H memorabilia and Centennial Candle were featured at the Library Centennial display.
- 2006 Norton County Fair—4-H Business Appreciation
- Porkburger Feed—Gave away 4-H Centennial pins
- 4-H Alumni Search—to date 925 names on the list
- Kick off the Norton County Endowment Foundation
- 4-H Tabloid during National 4-H Week featured 4-Hers stories and activities during the past year and special features regarding 4-H Centennial.

### PRAIRIE DOG 4-H CLUB

- Delivered Cheer Baskets to folks in the community (12-2005)
  - Delivered items on Bake and Take Day (4-2006)
  - Set up and cleaned up for Heritage Quilt Auction (4-2006)
  - Donated items to "The Haven" house project for inmate's families
  - Adopted a Soldier Overseas—bought boots and sent care items
  - Served Relay for Life Survivor Supper at Oberlin (6-2006)
  - Served Car Show Supper (7-2006)
  - Trash Pickup at Cemetery
  - Donated Kleenex to School
  - Set up Community Christmas Tree
  - Donated Coats and Blankets to Lions Club
  - Donated Toys to Lions Club
  - Donated food for God's Pantry
- ### BUSY BEAVERS 4-H CLUB
- Provided Halloween Treats at Norton Manor/Whispering Pines;
  - Provided Easter Treats at Norton Manor/Whispering Pines;
  - Donated Food to God's Pantry
  - Participate in the Veterans Day Parade;
  - Provided Cookies for two Bloodmobile Donor Days
  - Played Bingo with Whispering Pines Residents
- ### BUSY JAYHAWKERS 4-H CLUB
- Sponsored First Baby Born during 4-H Week
  - Donated items for Orphan Grain Train
  - Made Christmas Ornaments for Hospital's Meals on Wheels Program
  - Donated Cookies for Bloodmobile Donor Day
  - Served the Annual Soil Conservation Service Banquet
  - February Appreciation for KQNK and Telegram
  - Donated Items for God's Pantry
  - Volunteered at the Norton Theatre
  - Donated Prizes for Accelerated Reader Program
  - Donated to Community Flower Project
  - Table Tents and Posters to Promote Norton County Fair

I like 4-H because I get to show my two horses at the fair. I started my three year old, Lightning, last year. This year I'm going to start Thunder and take him to the fair next year.

*Kegan Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

I like 4-H because I like showing my horse at the fair.

*Dalton Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

I like 4-H because of the socializing.

*Lane Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

I like 4-H because all the stuff you do. I like my horse the best.

*Clay Vanover, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

My favorite project in 4-H is foods. In foods I am able to try everything I make. In foods you are able to prepare and practice cooking for when you're home alone after school and want to make a snack or even when you're in college. This year in foods I made a cheese and beer bread for the county fair and received a purple ribbon. Later I made another loaf to take to the State Fair. I received a blue ribbon there. My club has a foods project meeting when we all get together and make different kinds of goodies. We use these to make goodie plates to take to the radio station and newspaper office along with thank you notes for all the things they do to help support 4-H during the year. We also make goodie plates and thank you notes to take to other local businesses who support 4-H activities. In December we make up cheer baskets to take to local senior citizens for Christmas and sing Christmas carols. In April we make any kind of food that you can make with wheat and deliver to local Senior Citizens for Bake and Take Day. Being in foods has really helped me with improving my cooking skills and will help me in the long run of life. I can help out at home by cooking meals for my family. And I can do a better job of taking care of my nieces when they stay with us or babysitting because I know how to prepare snacks and lunches. I would like to thank my Mom and my Grandma for helping me learn to cook.

*Kelsie Griffith*

One of my main 4-H projects is Sheep. I get my sheep early in the year so that I can go to several spring shows and see how they are progressing. This helps me get them ready for the Norton County Fair, and this year I took them to the Kansas State Fair. The State Fair was very tough competition, especially being my first year there. I was lucky enough this year to place one of my lambs seventh in class and get a ribbon. At the State Fair it was fun to get to go to the carnival and see all of the vendors. I also liked walking through all of the exhibits and thinking about all of the time kids like me put into their projects. Being in 4-H has made all of the hard work that goes into the projects rewarding when you get to show them at the County Fair and even go on to the State Fair.

*Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club*

### DENVER STOCK SHOW TRIP

I enjoyed our trip to the Denver Livestock Show. My favorite stop was at the Rocky Mountain Sires. The information Dave gave us was very informative. I thought the storage tanks and equipment were cool. I also enjoyed seeing the bulls they had on sight. I liked all of the stuff on display at the Stock Show. I got to see some of the horses on display. I also watched some of the working dog trials. The dogs were amazing to watch when the sheep were not cooperative. — *Caleb Vanover*

The best place was Lookout Mountain because the mountains are beautiful. You can see everything on top of the mountains. The trip was really fun. We laughed a lot. — *Megan Cole*

The thing I liked best about Colorado was the Denver Stock Show. I also liked Lookout Mountain. — *Emily Juenemann*

I think that the best thing was the U.S. Mint, because it was interesting how the coins are made. I also liked the Denver Stock Show. — *Diedre Kramer*

My name is Diedre Kramer and I'm a member of the Prairie Dog 4-H club. I'm 14 years old and in the eighth grade at Norton Jr. High. This year in 4-H, I was in the clothing project. I learned quite a few things this year.

Some of the things that I learned included how to model, pick out an outfit that matched, and how to pick out some accessories to go with the outfit.

Another thing I learned was how to put an outfit together. Some things to keep in mind are the cost of the clothes and how to take care of them.

The clothes that I chose to purchase this year were a casual outfit and a best-dressed outfit.

I got purple ribbons on both of my outfits and I got the Reserve Ribbon on my black dress. I had a good time in this project and I think I will be doing this project again next year.

*Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club*

My name is Skylar Davis and I am a member of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club. This is my second year in 4-H and my first year in the bucket calf project. I named my calf Snerks and took him to the fair. I had fun washing him and leading him around and taking care of him. I got a blue ribbon. Hopefully he will grow up big enough to be a market steer at next year's fair.

*Skylar Davis, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club*

My name is Damien Davis and I am a member of the Cedar Ridge 4-H Club. This is my second year in 4-H and my first year in the chicken project.

This last March my grandmother acquired 39 baby chickens that were hatched out in incubators. We lost six of them right away but the rest lived on her back porch under heat lamps. These chicks were bantam chickens.

I took nine chickens to the fair. The judge said they were too young to judge but he gave me blue and red ribbons anyway. I was happy with my project.

My original four chickens started laying eggs. I got the first ones September 18. I am back in the chicken business.

*Damien Davis, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club*

During this year of the 100 year anniversary of 4-H we are trying to compile a listing of all former 4-H members of Norton County. Will you help us by completing the information below?

Yes, I am a former Norton County 4-H Member: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if married): \_\_\_\_\_

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