

County 4-H recognizes its members at awards night

Throughout the county, 4-H'ers have been working hard all year. Earlier this month, they were recognized for their efforts during the annual 4-H Achievement Night, held in Norton.

Following are the 4-H'ers and what awards they received.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS RECORD COMPLETION

Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club — Alec Gilgenbach, Jessica Gilgenbach, Bryce Lofgreen, Christopher Maddy, Marisa Maddy, Molly Maddy, Abbie Smith, Dustyna Sprigg, Dylan Sprigg, Jacob VanSkiike, Luke VanSkiike
Cedar Ridge 4-H Club — Anthony Anderson, Michael Callaway, Damien Davis, Skylar Davis, Caleb Bach, Calen Bach, Colten Bach, Carson Montgomery, Tyler Montgomery, Makayla Smith, Carson Wallace, Kylie Kinderknecht

Prairie Dog 4-H Club — Jade Braun, David Cressler, Jade Cressler, Travis Cressler, Wyatt Cressler, Kelsie Griffith, Tanner Griffith, Diedre Kramer, Carissa Wentz, Katrina Wentz, Megan Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Wyatt Wentz, Quentin Wentz

Busy Beavers 4-H Club — Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier, Jessica Ambrosier, Zachary Esslinger, Tyson Gill, Kolton Harting, Weston Harting, Wyatt Harting, Skylar Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Sady Keilig, Kelsey Mordecai, Lauren Mordecai, Jace Ruder, Johnnye Ruder, Adrienne Hager, Austin Hager

MEMBER RECOGNITION PINS

4-H Memberships Pins

Cedar Ridge — Carson K. Wallace

Prairie Dog — Wyatt Cressler

Busy Beavers — Weston Harting, Ryan Johnson

4-H Bronze Pins

Busy Jayhawkers — Molly A. Maddy

Prairie Dog — Quentin Wentz

Busy Beavers — Zachary D. Esslinger, Tyson Gill

Cedar Ridge — Calen Bach, Colten Bach, Kylie Kinderknecht

4-H Clover Pins

Prairie Dog — Travis Cressler

Busy Beavers — Skylar Johnson, Adrienne Hager

Busy Jayhawkers — Abbie Mae Smith

Cedar Ridge — Anthony Anderson, Damien Davis, Skylar Davis, Makayla Smith

4-H Emerald Pins

Busy Jayhawkers — Marisa L. Maddy

Prairie Dog — Jade Cressler, David Cressler, Rebecca Wentz

Busy Beavers — Kolton Harting, Wyatt Harting, Austin Hager

Cedar Ridge — Carson Montgomery

4-H Silver Pins

Prairie Dog — Wyatt Wentz

4-H Silver Guard Pins

Busy Jayhawkers — Alec Gilgenbach, Jessica Gilgenbach, Dylan Sprigg

Prairie Dog — Megan Wentz

Cedar Ridge — Caleb Bach

Leadership

Busy Jayhawkers — Dustyna Sprigg

Prairie Dog — Jade Braun

Cedar Ridge — Michael Callaway, Tyler Montgomery

4-H Gold Pins

Busy Jayhawkers — Bryce Lofgreen, Christopher R. Maddy

Prairie Dog — Kelsie Griffith, Diedre Kramer, Carissa Wentz

BEST KEPT STALL AWARDS

The Stall Awards are co-sponsored by Alice Field, Wentz Enterprises and Darren and Galen Wentz. Five judges scored the stalls through the fair.

SWINE — Busy Beavers, Hannah Fulton, Kyra Fulton

HORSE — Busy Jayhawkers, Kylena Hager, Jessica Cook, Clayton Esslinger, Tyler Esslinger

BEEF — Prairie Dog, Jacquelyn Cawley, Kerby Brandyberry, Kelsie Griffith

GOATS — Busy Jayhawkers, Jessica Gilgenbach, Alec Gilgenbach, Jessica Cook

SHEEP — Busy Jayhawkers, Jessica Gilgenbach, Alec Gilgenbach

State Livestock Judging Contest at Kansas State University

The team of Tim Becker, Jacquelyn Cawley, Jessica Gilgenbach, and Kolton Harting placed 30th out of 45 teams overall. Tim Becker placed 10th overall in Swine class and 38th high out of 190 individuals. The trip was chaperoned by Chris and Mindy Harting.

State Fair Senior Photography Judging Contest

The team of Melinda Becker, Christopher Maddy, Katrina Wentz and Tim Becker ranked 17th out of 130 Individuals and 34 teams

State Fair Intermediate

Photography Judging Contest

The team of Rebecca Wentz, Olivia Lowry, and Wyatt Wentz Ranked 25th out of 32 teams and 120 individuals

State Fair Intermediate Lifeskills Judging Contest

The team of Marisa Maddy, Dylan Sprigg, Wyatt Wentz and Megan Wentz ranked 13th out of 59 teams and 230 individuals. Megan Wentz placed 34th individually.

State Fair Senior Life Skills Contest

The team of Tim Becker, Dana Hillebrand, Bryce Lofgreen and Katrina Wentz ranked 29th out of 220 individuals and 59 teams. Tim Becker placed 37th individually.

INTERMEDIATE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES JUDGING

Awards are based on participation in judging events held in the county during the year. A 4-her must have judged at a majority of county events. The top individual of each age group will receive a plaque and honorable mentions receive a certificate.

Top, Junior Division — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, judged in three Family and Consumer Sciences judging events. His total score was 880 pts.

Honorable Mention — Megan Wentz, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, 864 pts.

Top, Senior Division — Bryce Lofgreen, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club, judged at three Family and Consumer Sciences judging events. His total score was 1384.

Honorable Mention — Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog 4-H Club, 1154 pts.

PROJECT AWARD WINNERS

First named 4-H'er is the county champion; others named for that project are blue award winners. All receive medals — some provided by national donors; some by state donors; some by local sponsors and some by the Norton County 4-H Council.

Family And Consumer Sciences Awards

Clothing

Senior — Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog; Megan Wentz, Prairie Dog; Wyatt Cressler, Prairie Dog; Jade Cressler, Prairie Dog

Food and Nutrition

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog; Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog; Megan Wentz, Prairie Dog; Wyatt Cressler, Prairie Dog; David Cressler, Prairie Dog

Fiber Arts

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Abbie Smith, Busy Jayhawkers; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; David Cressler, Prairie Dog

Visual Arts

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog; Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Abbie Smith, Prairie Dog; Jade Cressler, Prairie Dog

Reading

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog

Photography

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog; Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Rebecca Wentz, Prairie Dog; Wyatt Cressler, Prairie Dog; David Cressler, Prairie Dog

Leadership

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog; Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog; Carissa Wentz, Prairie Dog

Junior — David Cressler, Prairie Dog

Citizenship

Junior — Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge

Agriculture Awards

Beef

Senior — Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog

Junior — Megan Wentz, Prairie Dog; Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers

Bucket Calf

Junior — Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Carson Wallace, Cedar Ridge

Horse

Junior — Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers

Plant Science

Junior — Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge

Poultry

Junior — Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers

Swine

Junior — Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge; Carson Montgomery, Cedar Ridge

Dairy Goats

Junior — Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers

Meat Goats

Senior — Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge

Junior — Alec Gilgenbach, Busy Jayhawkers; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog; Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Zachary Esslinger, Busy Beavers

Sheep

Senior — Michael Callaway, Cedar Ridge

Junior — Alec Gilgenbach, Busy Jayhawkers

Engineering And Other Awards

Space Tech

Senior — Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog

Junior — Wyatt Wentz, Prairie Dog; Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog

Shooting Sports

Senior — Diedre Kramer, Prairie Dog

Junior — David Cressler, Prairie Dog; Jade Cressler, Prairie Dog; Travis Cressler, Prairie Dog

Self-Determined

Junior — Abbie Smith, Busy Jayhawkers

Treasurer

Jacob VanSkiike, Busy Jayhawkers; Kayla Field, Cedar Ridge; Dana Hillebrand, Prairie Dog; Wyatt Harting, Busy Beavers

Secretary

Sady Keilig, Busy Beavers; Katrina Wentz, Prairie Dog

Parliamentarian

Tyler Montgomery, Cedar Ridge

Pet

Junior — Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog

Dog

Junior — Quentin Wentz, Prairie Dog

Club Promotion

Cedar Ridge, 50.00; **Prairie Dog**, 25.00; **Busy Jayhawkers**, 25.00; **Busy Beavers**, 25.00

2006 - 2007 Norton County 4-H Ambassadors

Annette Becker, Melinda Becker, Phillip Becker, Tim Becker, Jade Braun, Michael Callaway, David Cressler, Hannah Fulton, Kyra Fulton, Jessica Gilgenbach, Kelsie Griffith, Tanner Griffith, Dana Hillebrand, Diedre Kramer, Bryce Lofgreen, Christopher Maddy, Caleb Vanover, Jacob VanSkiike, Luke VanSkiike, Katrina Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Kegan Vanover

Camp Counselor Recognition

Awarded by Kansas Farm Bureau — Carissa Wentz, Christopher Maddy, Kelsie Griffith, Hannah Fulton, Morgan Baumann, Kayla Scheetz, Jade Braun, Dana Hillebrand, Sara Campbell, Jacob VanSkiike

Thanks to Kansas Farm Bureau and Norton County Farm Bureau.

I DARE YOU

Tim Becker is currently a ten year member of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club. As an active member of the club, he's held Junior Officer and Officer positions. He's helped out with day camp and participated in many club service projects. The projects he's entered into the Norton County Fair include: electricity, model building, foods and nutrition, reading, photography, and self-determined. Tim's attended County and Regional 4-H days, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, and Rock Springs 4-H Camp. State Judging Teams he's been on include livestock, photography, and lifeskills. Another activity with 4-H that Tim has been involved with has been being a Norton County 4-H Ambassador. Throughout the years, Tim's involvement in 4-H has made him a better member of the community.



Four new trees were planted in downtown Norton Wednesday. The trees are a part of a park that is being planned by the Norton Downtown Restoration Committee.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

New trees planted for downtown park

By **VERONICA MONIER**
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The downtown park is moving along. On Wednesday, four trees were planted — three imperial locusts and a whoopsie blue spruce.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said city crews cut down the half dead tree on the corner Wednesday to make space for the planters the Downtown Restora-

tion Committee has planned.

When they have time, he said crews will dig a hole for the white, hard, sandstone rocks, which are planned as a focus point in the park. The stones will be concreted in place and braced while the concrete dries.

He said the city has not installed a drip system yet, and doesn't plan to do so until spring. They did,

however, put in a frost resistant pump, so that the newly planted trees can be watered.

The next step will be laying the brick paths, which will be done by inmates from the Norton Correctional Facility.

After that, he said, people probably won't see a lot of activity until spring, when flowers can be planted and sod laid.



Pamida customers Angie Hager, left and Tammy Ball, right, looked over the choices of gift tags on Pamida's Gift Tree. Store employee Kelly Brown helped the ladies with their choices.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Store celebrates 20 years with 'Angel Tree'

By **CAROLYN PLOTTS**
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In the spirit of the holidays, Pamida is kicking off the 20th year of their popular Gift Tree program. During this special time of year, Pamida is partnering with local customers to share some holiday cheer with members of the community who might not otherwise receive any gifts this season.

A Christmas tree is located in the center of the main entrance aisle at the Norton Pamida store and decorated with tags containing the Christmas wishes of some local children. Pamida customers can select a tag and purchase any of the items on the list to be given as a Christmas gift to that person. Gifts need to be returned to Pamida by

Dec. 21 so that store employees will have plenty of time to gift wrap the gifts and deliver them by Christmas Eve.

The tags include the gender, age, sizes and wants of the needy child. The requests are supplied

to Pamida by Social and Rehabilitative Services and will remain anonymous.

If you have any questions call Barb Goeken, Community Services Coordinator at the Norton Pamida, 877-3363.

3rd Annual
Benefit Soup Lunch & Silent Auction
Sunday, Dec. 2 at **The Rock**
Christian Youth Center
 Northeast Corner at the Intersection of State and Main in Downtown Norton
 Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.
 Silent Auction: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
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Sat., Dec. 1 The Charles Williams Orchestra
 Sat., Dec. 8 Private Party
 Sat., Dec. 15 Ramblin Andy Band
 Sat., Dec. 22 Russell Hull and the Fantasy Notes
 Sat., Dec. 29 The Flatlanders
 New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 Ramblin Andy Band