

Reporter's Corner

Johnson County 4-Hers Represent at the Kansas State Fair

By: Victoria Olberding, Johnson County 4-H Council Reporter

The Kansas State Fair was held this year from September 5-14 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. The state fair offers an opportunity for 4-Hers to exhibit their projects that qualified at the county fair. Johnson County had a total of 325 entries, including static projects, dog show, communications, fashion revue, and Grand Drive! Participants entered in over 30 different project areas across the fair. Congratulations to all Johnson

County 4-Hers who entered in this year's Kansas State Fair!



Pioneer 4-H Club Updates

By Hannah Oufnac, Pioneer 4-H Club Reporter

The Barn at Kill Creek Farm in De Soto is a pillar of the community. They host events, hold festivals, fundraise, and everything in between. One of the many events that they host is Pioneer 4-H club meetings. Every year The Barn purchases a hog raised by a Pioneer club member. This year, they purchased the Reserve Grand Champion Hog, raised by Beckett Hague. The Barn paid for the hog to be processed at Steve's Meat Market, another local business. From there, the pork was donated to the De Soto Food Pantry, providing fresh pork to families in need. The Barn always looks for ways to give back to the community, and this is one especially important to our club!

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Pie Fundraiser

By: Liam Cash, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

In July our club took on a new fundraiser, 4th of July Apple Pies! It was not an easy undertaking, but we all rose to the challenge. Between ingredient shopping, gathering apple peelers, and hours spent putting the pies together, it made it easy for each member of our club to participate.



The pies were prepared ready to bake for an amazing apple pie dessert for your 4th of July get togethers. Five stations were set up to make a pie assembly line. Crust making, apple peeling, apple cutting, filling pies, as well as crust rolling and cutting out stars for the top. We also had a whole table set up to wrap the pies

with baking instructions on the top. In true Fair Prep, we included ingredients for each pie on the baking instructions.

In the end, we made 41 apple pies in 3 and a half hours. We were all covered in something sticky and excited to share our creations with everyone that ordered a pie. Hopefully this will be the First Annual Pie Fundraiser; as we have quite a bit of cinnamon to use up next year.

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

By Liam Cash, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

On the fifth day of Johnson County Fair, our club gathered in the green building, to share each of our accomplishments. We had a good share of red and blue ribbons, with a heavy helping of purple ribbons awarded. Our club was able to share lots of smiles and congratulations. We were very thankful for the cooler weather; which was a great contrast to the overwhelming heat from project drop off day. Seeing everyone's hard work being rewarded (especially all of those grand champions) made for a joyful evening.



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Oxford Hustlers Celebrate the 4-H Year

By: Victoria Olberding, Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club Reporter

The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club celebrated the end of the summer at our annual pool party. Each year, we celebrate all of our fair accomplishments together before the end of the 4-H year! Club members gathered at Black Swan Lake and enjoyed swimming in the lake and



pool. It's a great time to hang out with friends and build relationships with other club members. Congratulations on all of your hard work this year, Oxford Hustlers! Keep making waves in the upcoming 4-H year!

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By: Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter



At the foodstand, we served the food and we got our 3D printed name tags so customers would know who we were and then we started serving. The jobs were getting the drinks or you could make hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and burgers. You could also work at the grill or clean the table or you could take the orders.



I was a server and my responsibility was to use a clip board with customers' orders on it and you have to tell other workers what you need and they will make it. Then they will put it on your tray and you go to the window and shout the customer's name, then they will



pick it up from the window and you will put the paper in the basket and go wait your turn for another clipboard. I thought it was fun to be a server because you got to take orders and it made me feel tired but it also felt like I accomplished something.



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After the Fair

By: Joshua Watts, Comet Tech 4-H Club Reporter

At 4-H club time we showed our fair projects at our club meeting. Club members' projects consisted of pictures of their aunt's cat, a stuffed bear, muffins, a cake and a trifold about how to make waffles, a picture of a boat and a frame made out of wood. I shared my 3D printing project talk. Afterwards everyone who submitted a project for the fair got a premium check. Later we made geodesic domes out of spaghetti noodles or toothpicks and marshmallows or gumdrops. A geodesic dome is a 3D shape in which its frame forms triangles to make a dome. We put a rubber duck in it for fun!

