Senior Spotlight

Nemaha County

Name – John Langill
School currently attending – Nemaha Central High School
4-H Club – Pony Express 4-H Club
Favorite project and why – Dairy
Favorite 4-H event and why – NELE, the bus ride

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – the value of leadership
Future plans – go to college and work to get into vet School

Name - Jonah Deters
School currently attending - Nemaha Central High School
4-H Club - HHHH 4-H Club
Favorite project and why - Wildlife or Dairy- Wildlife because I enjoy hunting and Dairy because it’s part of my heritage
Favorite 4-H event and why - County Fair because of all the different activities going on.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life - 4-H has helped me develop my leadership skills and become more confident in speaking in front of people. This has been an asset in preparing for college. Being able to achieve the Key award was a highlight for me.
Future plans - Attend K-State majoring in Agriculture

Name – Aiden Lang
School currently attending – Sabetha High School
4-H Club – Busy Jayhawksers 4-H Club
Favorite project and why – Clothing Buymanship because I enjoyed learning how to get the most for my money when buying new clothes.
Favorite 4-H event and why – County Fair because it was fun to see all of the projects done by other 4-Hers throughout the year.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – Leadership skills. In whatever career I go into, I will need to be able to lead a group of people. 4-H has given me the ability to do that.
Future plans – I plan to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and study Mechanical Engineering.

Name – Elli Wessel
School currently attending – Sabetha High School
4-H Club – Woodlawn Meadowlarks 4-H Club
Favorite project and Why – Dog and Dog show
Future plans – Attend Cloud County College and study Animal or Social Science
Name – Emily Fehr  
**School currently attending** – Prairie Meadows  
**4-H Club** – Woodlawn Meadowlarks 4-H Club  
**Favorite project and why** – My favorite 4-H project was showing my horse. I enjoyed creating a relationship and growing each year with her, from showmanship to western pleasure. I learn something new every year.  
**Favorite 4-H event** – I always look forward to the county fair. It’s so fun to try new projects and learn new things.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I’ve learned social skills along with record keeping for my animals and projects. I also understand now the process and cost that comes with a project.  
**Future plans** – My future plans are to continue working at Apogee Animal Health which is a large animal veterinarian practice in Sabetha. I’m excited to practice the things I’ve learned in 4-H in my everyday life.

Name – Chloey Strathman  
**School currently attending** – Axtell High School  
**4-H Club** – Achievers 4-H Club  
**Favorite project and why** – Clothing Construction because I get to sew my own clothes and brag about the garments I make.  
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The fair. I love to catch up with friends I don’t see as often and see what they brought to exhibit as well.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned it’s okay to be outside your comfort zone, you won’t regret these experiences.  
**Future plans** – I plan to go to University of Nebraska-Kearney and major in health sciences eventually to focus on Occupational Therapy.

Name – Laura Edelman  
**School currently attending** – Sabetha High School  
**4-H Club** – Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club  
**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is Visual Arts because it has been a passion my whole life. I love creating beautiful pieces of artwork and then getting to show them off at the fair!  
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite event is the fair. I love getting to see all the animals and projects. I like when I get to see how my hard work has paid off.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – Patience and confidence are the two biggest skills that 4-H has taught me.  
**Future plans** – I plan to attend KSU in the fall to study psychology.

Name – Katie Tangeman  
**School currently attending** – Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club** – HHHH 4-H Club  
**Favorite project and why** – The dog project because I get to train my favorite animal and work together with them as a team.  
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – The Barnyard Olympics because they are always fun to watch or participate in, and it is nice to have something fun to do after the craziness of fair weekend.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned a lot about speaking in front of crowds. Before becoming an officer, I was nervous to speak in front of my club, but now I am confident and okay with speaking in front of large crowds.  
**Future plans** – I plan to attend Northwest Missouri State University with a major in Clinical Laboratory Science and a minor in Spanish.
Name – Dane Robert Haverkamp  
**School currently attending** – Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club** – Pony Express 4-H Club  
**Favorite project and why** – My favorite project is the Beef project. I really enjoy raising cattle and the beef project has been very rewarding for me during my time in 4-H.  
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – My favorite 4-H event is the Nemaha County Fair. It is my favorite event because I like connecting with other kids in the county and I like being competitive in the Beef Show.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** – I have learned record keeping and how to bake, not necessarily in that order.  
**Future plans** – This fall I will be attending Southeast Community College in Beatrice, NE majoring in Livestock Management and Precision Agriculture. Once I graduate, I will return home and work with my family on our farming and ranching operation.

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Name - Kate Heinen  
**School currently attending** - Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club** - Kelly Twilighters 4-H club  
**Favorite project and why** - Tablesetting- I love how creative this project lets me be. I get to design a whole table and set it how I feel and make a menu for the setting/theme.  
**Favorite 4-H event and why** – 4-H camp- I haven’t been to camp in a while, but I loved the environment and all the activities I participated in. I also love how easy it is to meet new friends and connect with them outside of 4-H camp.  
**What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life** - Public speaking- This is one thing that 4-H has improved for me. I am now able to talk in front of people and keep a conversation going. It has helped me through my public speaking class at Highland CC and has helped me through some important presentations.  
**Future plans** - Next year I plan to attend Kansas State University and major in Agribusiness. With this degree, I plan to move back here and start my own event/wedding venue. This has been one of my dreams and it is a much-needed business for the Nemaha area.

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Name - Ryan Uphaus  
**School currently attending** - Nemaha Central High School  
**4-H Club** - HHHH 4-H Club  
**Favorite Project** - I believe that my favorite project is rocketry. My favorite is the rocketry project, because at the end of the project, you get to launch the rocket into the air. This has been a yearly event of going out to the field, and getting to see how high the rocket will go. I also really liked getting to discover the best ways to create and improve my rockets.  
**Favorite 4-H Event** - My favorite 4-H event is Citizenship in Action, because not only did we get to tour the capitol building, but we also got to participate in creating and passing our own bill within the senate. I had a lot of fun at CIA, and even made a few new friends.  
**Something I have learned from 4-H** - The biggest thing that I have probably learned from 4-H is my public speaking skills. Before entering 4-H, I was very shy, and did not like talking to new people. Through 4-H not only did I gain the ability to talk to others, but I also became more comfortable with talking in front of large groups of people. I believe that the skills I have gained will continue to impact me into my future and have already impacted who I have become.  
**Future plans** - I plan on attending Kansas State University and pursuing a degree in chemical engineering with a pre-med emphasis. After college I will either get a job as a chemical engineer or continue my education at the University of Kansas Medical Center.
Name - Keaton Rottinghaus  
School currently attending - Nemaha Central High School  
4-H Club - HHHH 4-H Club  
Favorite project and why - I enjoy the dairy project. I really like to be able to show cows at the county fair. Leading up to the fair is hard work getting animals ready and working with them but it is very rewarding. I like that when I start working with the animal, it doesn’t really trust you. After working with them more often, you get to earn their trust.  
Favorite 4-H event and why - The fair is my favorite event. I like how I get to meet new people as well as see all my friends and have fun. The fair is a fun way to have responsibility and take care of your animals. It is rewarding to win your events and take home a trophy.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life - Through 4-H I have learned to work hard and being a leader. Working hard is an important skill if you don’t have a good work ethic you won’t be able to achieve your goals and dream.  
Future plans - I plan to go to Pratt Community College to study business and continue wrestling at the next level.

Jefferson County

Name—Joseph Schnacker  
School currently attending—Jefferson West High School  
4-H Club—Clover Power 4-H Club  
Favorite project and why—My favorite project is the Market Steer project because I like working with and raising cattle. I also like the challenge of halter breaking steers.  
Favorite 4-H event and why—My favorite 4-H event is the 4-H Fair. I like the fair because I like showing market steer. I also like seeing and getting to know peers from other clubs around the county.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life?—I have learned leadership through 4-H and as a club officer and how to be a role model for the younger generation.  
Future plans—My future plans are to go into the work force and work for a union as a specialized welder.

Name—Clara Johnson  
School currently attending—Jefferson County North High School  
4-H Club—Winchester 4-H Club  
Favorite 4-H project and why—Performing arts because I love music.  
Favorite 4-H event and why—The Emerald Circle Banquet when you win a state project award. It was my favorite because I met so many new people from all across the state.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life?—Learning presentation skills and how to work with people will be very useful for me in the future.  
Future plans—I will pursue a degree in elementary education at Kansas State University.

Name—Ciera Steinlicht  
School currently attending—Valley Falls High School  
4-H Club—Valley Victors 4-H Club  
Favorite project and why—Beef, because that is the only project I have done, and I really enjoy working with cattle and the members in the project.  
Favorite 4-H event and why—County Fair because I get to show off all my hard work I’ve done all year.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life?—That it’s okay to fail because I always have people in my corner no matter what.  
Future plans—I am going to Cloud Community College to get my associates in applied science in animal science and then run and operate my own show cattle operation.

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Name – Aubrey Weishaar
School currently attending – Jefferson County North High School
4-H Club – Lucky 4-H Club
Favorite project and why – Citizenship because I can help others and impact my community
Favorite 4-H event and why – Fair week, because you get to see all your hard work come together.
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – 4-H has taught me time management. Juggling school, work, and extra curricular activities has taught me how to prioritize my time.
Future plans – I will attend Kansas State University and major in Journalism and Communications to eventually become a television news anchor.

Name: Olivia Sprang
School currently attending: Valley Falls High School
4-H Club: Valley Victors 4-H Club
Favorite project and why: My favorite project is the Goat Project, because I enjoy the work and time behind the project and grateful for the memories made.
Favorite 4-H event and why: My favorite 4-H event is the County Fair, I enjoy celebrating everyone’s achievements from throughout the year and showing my goats.
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life? One thing I have learned from 4-H is responsibility. Through my goat project I have developed a lot of responsibility from taking care of my goats, and I will use this skill throughout my life.
Future plans: I plan to attend Kansas State University in the fall and get a degree in Animal Science. With future career goals of being a Ruminant Nutritionist.

Name: Chloe Kimble
School currently attending: Jefferson West High School
4-H Club: Grantville Circle G 4-H Club
Favorite 4-H project and why: My favorite 4-H project is the Dog Project because as an older kid, I have the opportunity to help the younger kids with their dogs and I get to see how far they have come at the county show.
Favorite 4-H event and why: My favorite 4-H event is the parade because I get to see all the decorated floats and see the community all come together for one event: the past 4-Hers and the Present.
What is something that you have learned in 4-H that you will use throughout your life: One important thing 4-H has taught me would be responsibility knowing that if I work hard at something it will show.
Future plans: My plan for the future is to continue my education in Agribusiness and earn a bachelor’s degree. I would like to teach the younger generation about how important agriculture is and how we see and use it in our everyday lives.

Name: Brodie Hollis
School currently attending: Valley Falls High School
4-H Club: Valley Victors 4-H Club
Favorite 4-H project and why: Swine because I get to show pigs.
Favorite 4-H event and why: County Fair—I get to show off all my hard work from throughout the year.
Something you learned in 4-H that you will use throughout your life: Leadership
Future plans: I plan to get my agribusiness degree through Highland Community College and run my family’s business in the future.
Name—Elmas Bond  
School currently attending—Oskaloosa High School  
4-H Club—Jolly Junior 4-H Club  
Favorite project and why—The art projects. I joined 4-H after seeing the art projects at the fair last year. I have always had a strong interest in art including drawing, painting and creating graphic designs.  
Favorite 4-H event—This is actually my first year in 4-H seeing it after my younger brother and sister joined. So far I like the County Fair that inspired me to join myself.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life—4-H helped inspire me to get out of my comfort zone and try new things.  
Future plans—I am finishing a Graphic Design 2-year certificate from Washburn Technical Institute. Upon graduation from high school, I will transfer to Washburn University to get a bachelor’s degree in Graphic Design. My long-term goal is to become an Art Director.

Jackson County

Name—Cole Kucan  
School currently attending—Holton High School  
4-H Club—Lucky Stars 4-H Club  
Favorite project and why—The beef project is my favorite project. I enjoy being around cattle. I spend as much time on the farm helping my grandpa work cattle and anything that involves taking care of them.  
Favorite 4-H event—Barnyard Olympics at the Fair.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life—I have been showing cattle since I was 7. I have been to many shows over the years. More times than not, I don’t win. If I didn’t win, it has taught me to try harder. Learn from the loss and do better next time.  
Future plans—I went to Washburn Tech last year and took the Carpentry course. I have been working with Dean Miller over in the Atchison area helping him remodel the inside of houses. I am also working with my grandpa on the farm to grow my herd more. When my grandpa decides to retire, I will take over the farm.

Name—Blade Montgomery  
School currently attending—Holton High School  
4-H Club—Lucky Stars 4-H Club  
Favorite project—Foods  
Favorite 4-H event—Barnyard Olympics at the Fair  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life—I have learned how to be able to plan and follow through with projects and how to serve others.  
Future plans—Enter the workforce.

Name—Tia Gross  
School currently attending—Holton High School  
4-H Club—Lucky Stars 4-H Club  
Favorite Project and why—My favorite project is Beef. It’s my favorite project because cows are my favorite animal. They also teach you responsibility and hard work.  
Favorite 4-H event—My favorite 4-H event is the Jackson County Fair.  
What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life—It’s taught me that if you want to succeed, you have to work for what you are doing. I’ll use this in my life probably everyday.  
Future plans—Go into the workforce and work for Chris Gross Construction.
Name – Dali Jean Reser

School currently attending – Rossville High School

4-H Club – Delia Early Birds 4-H Club

Favorite project and why – Swine. Hogs are fun to work with and I have loved getting to learn about feed science through my pigs.

Favorite 4-H event – Fair Week

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – How working hard on something can become so rewarding in the end.

Future plans – Attend Colby Community College and Fort Hays University to attain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I will attend college on a rodeo scholarship.

Name – Lorna Smith

School currently attending – Holton High School

4-H Club – Straight Arrows 4-H Club

Favorite Project and why – Foods & Nutrition. I love getting to bake a different cake each year!

Favorite 4-H event – Jackson County Fair

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – The leadership and communication skills are some of the most valuable lessons I’ve learned through 4-H!

Future plans – I plan to attend Kansas State University to major in Speech Pathology.

Name – Kailei Mitchell

School currently attending – Holton High School

4-H Club – Mayetta Mustangs 4-H Club

Favorite Project and why – Livestock—I like the animals and to travel to Spring Shows.

Favorite 4-H event – Barnyard Olympics

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – The ability to build meaningful connections will be used throughout my life.

Future plans – I plan to attend K-State to get a degree in Accounting. After college graduation, I plan to stay in NE KS.

Name – Aaralynn Maye Allen

School currently attending – Holton High School

4-H Club – Straight Arrows 4-H Club

Favorite Project and why – My favorite project is Beef. I love being able to show our home raised market steers to the community and judge.

Favorite 4-H event – My favorite 4-H event is the Jackson County Fair. I love to hangout with my friends and family that come and support us.

What is something you have learned from 4-H that you will use throughout your life – 4-H has taught me responsibility skills that I will use throughout my life.

Future plans – I plan to attend Kansas State University and study Animal Science.

Congratulations!
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