

# County 4-H members do well at Kansas State Fair

4-H members representing Norton County did very well in a variety of events at the 2007 Kansas State Fair. Quite a variety of experiences and projects made up the list of exhibitors. Michael Callaway placed 6th with Market Lamb and 7th in the Breeding Ewe class.

Two 4-H'ers participated in Horse events. Kyra Fulton placed 9th in the 4 and older Stock class and Kylene Hager placed 3rd in the 3 year old Futurity classes.

Katrina Wentz received a red with her Fashion Revue garment and Christopher Maddy, blue in Boys Buymanship. Other exhibits entered at the State Fair were vegetables with Jacob VanSkike receiving a red, and Joshua VanSkike received a red. Rebecca Wentz received a red for clothing entry, Wyatt Wentz received a

red ribbon for his clothing entry and a purple ribbon for his quilt. Carissa Wentz received a red ribbon on clothing, and Kelsie Griffith received a blue on her quilted pillow.

Those chosen to display their Arts and Crafts were: Annette Becker, and Wyatt Wentz, and Abbie Smith and Katrina Wentz. Annette Becker's free form ceramic was selected for State 4-H Exhibit.

Photography purple winners were Rebecca Wentz, Michael Callaway, Marisa Maddy, Dieder Kramer and Annette Becker had two purples. Tanner Griffith was selected as Purple and a Washington DC Congressional tour selection. Those receiving Blue Ribbons in photography were Christopher Maddy, Wyatt Wentz, Kelsie Griffith, Jacob and

Luke VanSkike, Carissa Wentz, Katrina Wentz, and Olivia Lowry. Joshua Van Skike's photography was selected as a 4-H Foundation Exhibit and Received a Blue Ribbon also.

In Rockets, Dieder Kramer received a blue and Wyatt Wentz received a red. In Annual Flowers, Jacob VanSkike received red and Joshua VanSkike received blue. Luke VanSkike earned a purple in Wildlife Notebook.

Michael Callaway received a purple for his Home Environment trailer reconstruction.

In Foods, Rebecca Wentz received a purple ribbon; Marisa Maddy, Carissa Wentz, and Megan Wentz and Bryce Lofgreen received blue ribbons; Kelsie Griffith received a red ribbon. Wyatt Wentz received a purple for his demonstration presentation.



Katrina Wentz stood by the Liberty Bell while on a Citizenship Washington Focus trip this summer. She was one of 50 Kansas 4-H'ers to make the trip.

## Girl goes on Citizenship Trip in D.C.

By KATRINA WENTZ

I attended the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip this summer.

It was a 12-day trip on a bus with 50 other Kansas 4-H kids just like myself. Starting from Salina, we traveled through St. Louis, Mo. and visited the archway. We then headed to Gettysburg after staying a night in Columbus, Ohio. To my surprise, there was a Wentz House on the Gettysburg battlefield and also a Wentz Glass Store in town.

The Kansas group headed for Philadelphia where we toured Independence Hall, saw the Liberty Bell and Lights of Liberty. We arrived at the National 4-H Center on the fourth day where we met delegates from other states. The Kansas 4-H'ers were the loudest and most pumped for the week ahead, which made the other delegates jealous.

In Washington, D.C., we saw and toured many memorials and monuments including Mount Vernon, Arlington Cemetery, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Korean War and Iwo Jima Memorials, Abraham Lincoln Memorial, Library of Congress, the Capitol Building and the National Cathedral. At Kennedy Center we saw the Broadway version of "Phantom of the Opera".

At the conference there were workshops in which we debated issues including technology in the classroom; illegal immigration; the farm bill; and the separation of church and state. We split up into the House of Representatives and the Senate. We ended the great, but tiring, week with a talent show and dance, which ended with smiles and lasting memories of the week. There were also tears because we were leaving.

Getting to know the people of the CWF trip has definitely been the highlight of my summer. I would encourage 4-H members to consider attending this trip of a lifetime.



# Norton County 4-H'ers attend national congress

Norton County was represented by two Norton County 4-H members at the 2006 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga. on Nov. 23-28.

Luke and Jacob VanSkike, sons of Keith and Karen VanSkike, were selected to attend the National 4-H event.

Luke attended as the winner of the State Wildlife project selection award and Jacob attended as a winner of the State Pet project selection award. Luke helped teach several fishing classes at Discovery Days and 4-H Camp and is a State Certified Sports fishing Leader. Jacob helps at the pet show during the county fair and

took care of the fish bowl at the Andbe Home for several years.

Their selections were based upon their overall project work in the Wildlife and Pet area relating to the project, leadership and other 4-H club activities.

Each state sent a delegation of 4-H'ers. Kansas sent a total of 34 youth who were winners in their respective project area along with four adults to Atlanta to attend the National 4-H Congress.

Luke is Vice President of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H club and is the Norton County 4-H Council President. Jacob is the Treasurer of the Busy Jayhawkers 4-H club.



Luke VanSkike



Jacob VanSkike

# State judging held in Manhattan

A variety of contests were held at the conclusion of the 4-H year, those being Livestock, Photography and Intermediate Lifeskills. Although not held at the State Fair, the State Livestock Judging contest was held at Kansas State University campus on Aug. 25.

The Norton County 4-H team of Livestock Judging placed 30th, Tim Becker 87th, Jessica Gilgenbach 98th, Kolton Harting 106th, Jacquelyn Cawley 130th overall out of 45 teams. The team placed 10th overall in the Swine Class.

Mindy and Chris Harting escorted the group to Manhattan for the contest.

The team placed 10th overall in the Swine class. Senior Photography judging team placed 17th with Katrina Wentz placing 50th, Christopher Maddy, 97th, Melinda Becker 59th, Tim Becker, 45. There were 34 teams and 130 individuals.

Intermediate Photography judging placed 25th with Rebecca Wentz placing 56th, Christopher Maddy 82nd, Wyatt Wentz 85th and Olivia Lowry 87th out of 59

teams and 230 individuals. In the Senior Lifeskills contest the Norton team placed 29th out of 59 teams with Katrina Wentz placing 112th, Bryce Lofgreen 180th, Dana Hillebrand 130th, and Tim Becker placed 37th. There were 220 individuals.

Intermediate Lifeskills contest placed 13th with Marisa Maddy placing 69th, Wyatt Wentz 60th, Megan Wentz 34th and Dylan Sprigg 100th place. There were 230 individuals.

# Record keeping: a valuable living skill

Hey, 4-H members! Do you want to crawl under the bed or hide in the hay loft when you hear, "it's record keeping time?" You're not alone, but maybe it's time to think about why we have 4-H records.

4-H record keeping is important because:

- you learn skills you'll use the rest of your life
- you create a permanent personal "history"
- you have a tool to use when applying for 4-H recognition

The Kansas 4-H program places a strong value on record keeping. Parents and leaders know that as

adults, you'll need to know how to keep good records. You'll need to balance your check book, to understand tax reporting records, to develop a budget, or fill out some report at work.

The record keeping skills you learn while completing your 4-H records are good practice for later. It's the same principle we use in 4-H project work, "Learn by Doing." You won't learn the skill if someone else does the record for you, but it is OK for younger or beginning members to have assistance from an experienced 4-H'er or adult.

As 4-H project leader notebooks are developed, changes are made to those 4-H records which should be helpful to members. The generic record sheets are available from the Extension office. Members and leaders use this in setting group and individual goals for project evaluation. A second section is the Journal page. You can be creative and use this page to report whatever you choose, in the format that makes sense to you. It could be columns, charts, drawings or photos, or sentences. The final section is a year-end summary of the project.

Your leader will also give you copies of member handouts which you can place in a special notebook to create your own "member manual." The leader will also give you activity sheets. These activity sheets can be placed in your 4-H record book to supplement the member guide and annual report to also show what you have done and learned.

Just as your third grade teacher would not expect you to know algebra, we are not asking beginning members to use higher math skills in 4-H records until they are learned. Many of the projects which require financial records have lessons in the leader's notebook which they can use to help you understand why that information is important and how to figure and use it.

We want these records to be useful and important to you as a 4-H member. They were not created to

be "judged" by someone else. We want them to be working records. It's OK if they get a little dirty in the barn, or you have to erase and correct an error.

Creating your own history with records may not sound like fun, but believe me, if you stick with it, when you are ready to apply for a job, complete a scholarship application, or develop a resume, you will have a gold mine that many other youth will not have!

The Kansas 4-H Permanent Record is an accumulative summary of everything you do in 4-H, plus it provides space to summarize your school, community and church activities. Teen 4-H'ers have found this to be a valuable tool as they approach the end of their 4-H years. The third reason for keeping records is to have organized, complete and accurate information to use when applying for 4-H recognition.

We believe it should be the 4-H'er's choice to enter the competitive side of 4-H project work. If the record book is to be a personal, working record, then alternatives to judging 4-H records or the standards used in the past, need to be changed. That's why the State 4-H Department developed the Kansas Award Application, or KAA.

The members can decide to compete for county project achievement pins by using their records to summarize their goals, skills learned, amount of work accomplished and leadership and citizenship demonstrated by completing an award application. This is required for members who qualify for Area and State judging. Many counties are using the KAA for county judging. A simplified KAA for younger members has been developed also.

Remember, record keeping is a skill you will need as an adult, even though it may not be fun to do now. Someday, you'll be glad you have a 4-H record so you can use it to see what you did, what you learned and how you grew and changed from a young person to an adult.

## 4-H Trivia Answers

1. four leaf clover
2. green and white
3. citizenship
4. the Kansas State Fair
5. Rock Springs Ranch, near Junction City
6. Key Award
7. 7 to 19
8. Emerald Circle Banquet
9. community club
10. Discovery Day, held at K-State
11. County 4-H Day
12. Fashion Revue
13. October
14. Project
15. the Cooperative Extension Service
16. corn
17. 1) learning to make decisions, 2) relating to others, 3) concern for the community, 4) developing an inquiring mind, 5) building self-confidence
18. To Make the Best Better
19. Horticulture
20. Reading
21. Forestry
22. Geology
23. Woodwork
24. Dog care and training
25. Electric
26. Chevy Chase, Maryland — just outside Washington DC
27. LABO or LEX
28. Pat McNally
29. unfinished business
30. "I move that..."
31. Busy Jayhawkers, Busy Beavers, Cedar Ridge and Prairie Dog
32. Kansas State University

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

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 7-13, 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

When (Circle Appropriate Decade) 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 2000's

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if married) \_\_\_\_\_

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