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Wildcat District 4-H Sweeps State Contests

Wildcat 4-H livestock, meats, quiz bowl, and skill-a-thon judging teams traveled to Kansas State University for the state 4-H sweepstakes contest over the weekend. Wildcat District 4-H is comprised of youth from Crawford, Labette, Montgomery, and Wilson counties. Teams placed high in each contest earning second overall in the sweepstakes contest.

In skill-a-thon judging, possible questions youth would answer are related to equipment identification, feed rations, medication rates/withdrawal calculations, feed identification, and a written test. Wildcat team 1 won the state contest earning them a spot at nationals in November. Dexter Small, Cecillia Newby, Trey Newby, and Trinity Kuehn made up the state winning team. Dexter Small was the high individual in the contest. Wildcat team 2 skill-a-thon team wasn't far behind with a 12th place for Silas Good, Maddix Small, Katie Zwahlen, and Maggie Chandler. Wildcat team 3 had a 22nd place finish with Bryce Overman, Shelby Smith, Mason Springer, and Cooper Springer. There were 79 teams in the skill-a-thon contest.

The quiz bowl contest is a question and answer game show format where the youth are asked livestock questions and answer by hitting a buzzer. Wildcat team 1 in this contest placed second overall with a team of Trey Newby, Cecillia Newby, Maddix Small, and Trinity Kuehn. Wildcat team 2 once again was not far behind with a 12th place finish for Maggie Chandler, Tucker Leck, Katie Zwahlen, and Silas Good.

As for the meats judging contest, youth are asked to identify cuts of meat you would purchase in the grocery store and score the cuts based on grade. Wildcat team 1 consisted of Addie Smith, Trey Newby, Cecillia Newby, and Shelby Smith and placed second overall. Addie Smith was the fifth high individual in the contest. Mason Spring also competed in the contest as an individual.

During the livestock judging contest, youth placed animals based on desired traits such as market quality and breeding ability. Wildcat team 1 finished ninth overall with a team of Katie Zwahlen, Maggie Chandler, Cecillia Newby, and Trinity Kuehn. Wildcat team 2 placed 14th overall and consisted of Dexter Small, Bryce Overman, and Tucker Leck. Wildcat team 3 placed 17th overall and consisted of Kole Harris, Tayte Leck, Cooper Springer, and Weston Koenig.

4-H youth practiced locally both online and in-person through the spring and summer preparing for these livestock contests. We appreciate our local supporters and volunteers who coached and chaperoned our teams! Youth interested in participating in contests like these should contact their local 4-H agent and discuss getting involved with 4-H. You can learn more about 4-H by calling 620-378-2167. Thank you to everyone that supports the 4-H program!

Photo 1: Wildcat 4-H State winning livestock skill-a-thon team. L-R Cecillia Newby, Trinity Kuehn, Trey Newby, Not Pictured Dexter Small.

Photo 2: Wildcat 4-H members traveled to state 4-H sweepstakes contest placing second overall. Front Row L-R: Silas Good, Cecillia Newby, Addie Smith, Shelby Smith, Maggie Chandler, Katie Zwahlen, Kole Harris, Weston Koenig. Back Row L-R: Tayte Leck, Trey Newby, Bryce Overman, Tucker Leck, Maddix Small, Trinity Kuehn. Not pictured is Dexter Small

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