



# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 2-8, 2022



BBQ including games, a hayride and bonfire. As a community service project youth will be holding a drive for Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services. Potential 4-H members and volunteers are welcome to join the event.

"We believe youth perspectives are so important and a solution to eliminating the opportunity gap, because young people come with new ideas and new ways of seeing the world," explains Jennifer Sirangelo, President and CEO of National 4-H Council. By encouraging diverse voices and innovative actions, 4-H believes that solutions can be found to address the educational, economic and health issues that have created the opportunity gap.

"4-H programs allow youth to develop their passions through the completion of hands-on projects with the assistance of volunteers" said Christal Huber 4-H Youth Development Specialist. "This aides them in the development of life skills such as leadership that allow

In Audrain County, more than 200 4-H youth and 80 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. Youth can participate in five different 4-H clubs throughout the county as well as regional, state, and national events. Popular activities include the Audrain County 4-H and FFA Fair, Livestock and Meats judging and camping programs.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit <https://extension.missouri.edu/programs/missouri-4-h> or <https://extension.missouri.edu/counties/audrain/4-h>

## Audrain Youth Celebrates National 4-H Week: October 2-8

Every year, National 4-H Week sees millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni come together to celebrate the many positive youth development opportunities offered by 4-H. The theme for this year's National 4-H Week, Opportunity4All, is a campaign that was created by National 4-H Council to rally support for Cooperative Extension's 4-H program and identify solutions to eliminate the opportunity gap that affects 55 million kids across America.

With so many children struggling to reach their full potential, 4-H believes that young people, in partnership with adults, can play a key role in creating a more promising and equitable future for youth, families and communities across the coun-

try. In 4-H, we believe every child should have an equal opportunity to succeed. We believe every child should have the skills they need to make a difference in the world.

Audrain County 4-H observed National 4-H Week this year by highlighting some of the inspirational 4-H youth in our community who are working tirelessly to support each other and their communities. Clubs throughout the county will be decorating store front windows in Mexico at Webber Pharmacy, Melody's Quality Jewelry, Puppy Cuts and Sparkly Pig. There will also be windows at Hometown Nutrition in Centralia, and Burg Express in Martinsburg. They will celebrate the conclusion of the week with a 4-H Sunday Funday

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# 2022 Missouri 4-H State Livestock Judging Contest is a highlight

The 2022 University of Missouri Extension State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the University of Missouri Trowbridge Livestock Center in Columbia.

This contest brought together 147 4-H youth from across the state to apply their evaluation and communication skills.

Youth involved with the livestock judging program develop key life skills to aid in their future career success. Through involvement in a 4-H judging team, members must make rapid, logical decisions and defend their decisions via oral reasons. Over half of the participants responded that compared to before participating in this event, they now have more knowledge in the areas of identifying visual and genetic characteristics of an animal, comparing their perception of an animal against the ideal, judging classes, using livestock judging terminology, and giving reasons. Over 90% of them consider themselves educated consumers of agricultural products, are comfortable sharing their knowledge of agriculture with others, see themselves as an advocate for the industry, and are

planning to pursue a career in agriculture.

Top 10 senior individuals included Annamarie Stone, Audrain County, fourth.

Programs offered by Missouri 4-H would not be possible without support from their partners. Major support for Missouri 4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources programs is provided by the Missouri 4-H Foundation in partnership with Bass Pro Shops, Corteva Agriscience, Cradler Distributing Company, FCS Financial, Missouri Association of Meat Processors, Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Holstein Association, Eunice Campbell, and Robert E. "Bud" Hertzog, DVM.

### About 4-H

More than 55,000 members strong, Missouri 4-H is an active, dynamic organization of young people who are learning, growing and preparing to be the leaders of today and tomorrow – making a real difference in their community, country and world. 4-H is the youth development program of the University of Missouri and the nation's Cooperative Extension System. For more information on Missouri 4-H, visit [4h.missouri.edu](http://4h.missouri.edu).



**Helen Waller - 4H and FFA member raises show chickens as part of her 4H experience. In the picture she is getting blood work collected on her show chicken at the fair show.**  
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# Audrain well represented in 4-H State Meats Judging Contest

Early in 2022, the University of Missouri Extension 4-H State Meats Judging Contest on Feb. 19, drew 48 competing 4-H members from across the state.

Working in partnership with the MU Meat Science Program, contestants were provided the opportunity to develop and hone their judging skills and explore future career and educational opportunities.

Youth involved with the meat judging program develop key life skills to aid in their future career success, and success as life-long consumers. 98% of participants feel they are educated consumers of agricultural products and are comfortable sharing their knowledge of agriculture with others. A majority (75%) shared their involvement in this project area and contest has encouraged them to continue their education in a related field. After competing, over 60% of the youth expressed they had more knowledge in the areas of carcass judging, cuts judging, cut identification, meats judging terminology, and giving reasons than prior to the contest.

Senior Meats Judging Results: Teams ages 14 years old and over: First Place, Audrain County 2; Second Place, Moniteau County; and Third Place Audrain

County 1. Individual scores: First, Libby Shaver, Laclede County; Second, Tucker Robnett, Audrain County; Third, Rita Xioa, Moniteau County; Fourth, Abigail Hunsburger, Moniteau County; Fifth, Austin Pope, Jasper County; Sixth, Lance Fort, Audrain County; Seventh, Aaron Carter, Audrain County; Eighth Marshal Schroeder, Cole County; Ninth, Dylan Hoyt, Audrain County; Tenth, Pacey Cope, Audrain County. The members of the championship team from Audrain County will advance to represent Missouri at the National 4-H Meats Judging Contest held in the fall as part of the American Royal.

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Macie Rhodes and Bryson Regot (cousins) are both in 4H and FFA. They help raise breeding goats on the family's farm. Both members enjoy exhibiting their goats throughout the summer at local, district, and state shows. These two enjoy working together with their family to make breeding decisions and raise high quality goats.

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Bree and Garon Stowers with their bacons.

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Merry Martins Member Lance Fort presenting to the 4-H Club about beef products and by-products.

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Merry Martins 4-H Club members competing at the State 4-H Meats Evaluation Contest (left to right - Cooper Rohan, Dylan Hoyt, Lane Carter, Brant Cope, Lydia Hoyt, Aaron Carter, Mason Rohan, Clayton Jennings)

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