

# Reporter's Corner

## **Prairie Moon's Fundraiser**

By: Alyssa Coultis, Prairie Moon 4-H Club Reporter

Prairie Moon 4-H club held their annual fundraiser at Enchanted Forest on October 24th at Sar Ko Park. The Enchanted Forest is a Halloween event and everyone always has a great time. We are the only club that sells food at this event and is the largest fundraiser for our club. All the members pitched in so everything ran smoothly!



## **Celebrating a Year of Hard Work**

By Nathan Delancy, Happy Helpers 4-H Club Reporter

The County 4-H Achievement Celebration was held on Saturday, November 2, 2024. The Happy Helpers 4-H club received a purple seal for their involvement during the 2023-2024 4-H year. Sixteen club members received recognition for completing their yearly



Happy Helpers 4-H Club at County 4-H Achievement Celebration

Pin awards, officer pins, and Public Speaking awards. The club was proud of their work reflected in the 40 Project Report Forms completed and submitted for county judging in October. Congratulations on a great year!

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## Johnson County 4-H Horse Club

By Izzy Martinez, Horse Club Reporter

The Johnson County 4-H Horse Club recently had their November meeting, and it was so great to see so many new faces there! We can't wait to get to know all of our new members! Along with our meeting, Ava R. before our meeting started shared a presentation over horse grooming supplies. To end the meeting, we came up with plans for our December meeting, and we can't wait for the fun events!

On November 9th, the Horse Club had a great day volunteering at the Tricolor Frugal Horseman tack sale, and we can't wait to go back and volunteer again for the next sale!



## Oxford Hustlers Spread Love Through Lasagnas

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



The Oxford Hustlers 4-H Club participated in 48 Hours of Service by making lasagnas for Lasagna Love. Lasagna Love is a nonprofit organization that provides a warm meal for families in need. The club learned how to make large quantities of lasagnas. In total, club members made 15 lasagnas to donate! This is the third year the club has spread love through lasagnas.

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## **Kansas State Fair Best of Show in Engineering:** **Joshua Eflin**

Submitted by: Liam Cash, Great Plains 4-H Club Reporter

The future of tech is looking bright for the Great Plains 4-H Club, thanks to the efforts of Joshua Eflin. After earning the Grand Champion Award for his engineering technology project at the Johnson County Fair, he advanced to the state level where he earned best in show. Over the course of 32 weeks Joshua was able to bring to life a virtual battleship game. He had the help of his father, who is currently an IT architect with Hallmark. Joshua said that he and his dad would sit down most nights and work through the “Head First HTML and CSS 2nd edition book”. One of the first codes he was able to create was a text-only program of “99 bottles of age appropriate beverage on the wall”. From that first success, he began the hard work of learning to code a “simplified version of battleship with one row, one ship and just text.” After a few more weeks of study he created his crowning achievement, a full blown virtual battleship game. Creating this battleship style game was only half the hard work towards his award. Joshua also had to keep a detailed weekly log of all of his accomplishments along the way. For 37 weeks, from September 10, 2023 to May 19, 2024, he not only kept a log of his learning, but also created an informative document on his progression through code development. Apart from documenting all of his successes, he also listed the miss keys that are common for beginning developers. As if all that work wasn't impressive enough, he created a well thought out 3-minute instructional video for the judges to showcase all of his knowledge and hard work. In the end, he was able to impress Johnson County judges, as well as show up and show out the rest of the entries throughout the state of Kansas. This award will be a feather in his cap. His future in the tech world is starting off with a pretty big honor, and we can't wait to see where he goes from here.

