

Demo Derby to offer smashing entertainment, total purse of \$15,000+

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for a third year is the Championship Demolition Derby Association (CDDA). The CDDA was started to provide quality demo- Fair's demolition derby will fealition derby promotions from ture bonestock 80s, bonestock the perspective of a driver. Chad compact and Markley, who is the CDDA's head classes. In the bonestock 80s class,

BURLINGTON — The 145th promoter and inspector, has built, first place will receive \$4,000, Coffev County Fair's demolition drove and won at all levels of dederby will once again offer crush- molition derby shows for over 25 ing entertainment for competi- years across Kansas, the Midwest tors and spectators alike, in three and nationwide. The combination er has garnered the respect of fair Returning to manage the derby boards, promoters, fabricators and other demolition derby drivers.

This year, the Coffey County van/SUV/truck

while second place will receive \$2,000, third place \$1,000 and fourth place \$500. In bonestock compact and van/SUV/truck classes, first place will win \$1,900, while second place will win \$1,000, third place \$500 and fourth place \$200. There will also be a \$1,000 Mad Dog award.

Entry fees are assessed per driver. For spectators, tickets are available for general admission and kids ages six and under. There are also pit passes available. For entry information for the derby, contact Chad Markley of Championship Demolition Derby Association at (785) 479-0996.



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Caleb Durst: Leading club is a favorite memory

Katie McMurray Reporter

LEBO — Being in 4-H not only provides opportunities to learn my life by making me a generous valuable life skills but also, as Blue Ribbon 4-H senior Caleb Durst found out, to use those skills and make lasting memories in the process.

Durst, the son of Ryan and Amanda Durst, has been a member of the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club for 11 years.

"I joined 4-H because my family has always been involved in it," Durst said.

In this year's Coffey County Fair, Durst will have entries in the energy management, leadership, photography and horticulture projects. His favorite project is energy management.

"My favorite project is energy management because it allows me to explore new ideas and build useful things," Durst said.

Along with enjoying his projects, Durst has learned valuable skills and lessons as a 4-Her, particularly about being a leader. "Through 4-H, I have learned the

importance of leadership and serving others, which has impacted person and enabling me to find joy watching others grow," Durst said.

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During his time in the organization, senior Blue Ribbon 4-Her Caleb Durst enjoyed opportunities both to learn and to make lasting memories.



2025 145th ANNUAL **COFFEY COUNTY FAIR** PRE-FAIR EVENTS July 19, 9 am Shopping in Style, Western Heritage Revue, Sewing and Textile Design Revue and Sewing and

Textile Design and Fiber Arts Judging All at the 4-H Building, Kelley Park July 19, 4 pm Hand Pet Show 4:30 pm Cat Show Dog Show 5:15 pm July 22, 8 am **Rabbit Show** Horse Show 4-H/Open Class and Shodeo at Rodeo Arena 6 pm WEDNESDAY · JULY 23RD Open Class Entries (Obtain Entry Number in Fair Office) 7:30 am-1 pm 4-H Judging (4-H & Crops Building Closed to Public) 8 am-5 pm Open Class buildings closed 1 pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Weigh-in Begins and 4-H Bake Sale in the Show Arena 5 pm 6-8 pm Free Root Beer Floats by Coffey County Farm Bureau East of Grandstands 7-9 pm Music In The Park: Jeff Gordon "Country Outlaws" sponsored by Coffey County Arts Council Coffey County 4-H Ambassadors Event Everyone is invited. Location TBA 8 pm **THURSDAY** · JULY 24 Poultry Show 8 am 8:30 am Dairy Show Meat Goat / Sheep 9 am Rabbit Judging Contest at barn - open to all, come and go Prizes Awarded 10 am - 4 pm Bucket Calf Show 6 pm 7 pm Ranch Rodeo at Rodeo Arena FRIDAY + JULY 25 **Beef Show** 9 am 9 am - 9 pm Giant Lite-Brite by Coffey County Library at Kelley Hall 5-9 pm Axe Throwing by The Axe Shedd Parade: Theme is "Boots, Roots, and Cattle Chutes at the Coffey County Fair" 6 pm **AFTER THE PARADE** Sweet 6 & 16 - Grandstands Parade of Purples-Public Style Revue outside of Kelley Hall 7 pm Pedal Power Tractor Pull Sponsored by Coffey County Farm Bureau (East of Kelley Hall) 7:30 pm Heroes Pull (south of playground) Blow-up Archery sponsored by Jade Seed and Evening: **Outdoor Supply** SATURDAY + JULY 26 7-9 am Central National Bank Fair Breakfast (grandstand) Purple Ribbon Race 5K/10K Fun Walk, Run, Bike sponsored by Kirchner Chiropractic (East of Kelley Hall) 7 am Swine Show 8 am Kids Fun Zone in the Park 9 am- 12 pm Hoola Hoop and Jump Rope Contest 9 am 9:30 am Money Dig sponsored by Citizen's State Bank 10 am Baby Contest sponsored by Life Care Center 10:30 am Foam Party Kids Spray Down by Coffey County Fire Dept 11 am Livestock Contest 4 pm Demolition Derby (Grandstands) 7 pm SUNDAY · JULY 27 All animals released except Sale/Round Robin animals By Noon Horseshoe Pitch (West of 4-H Bldg) 9 am 9 am Worship Service (Show Arena) 10:30 am **Round Robin Showmanship** Check out all building exhibits 2:30-4 pm **Open Class Premiums Pick Up in Kelley Hall** 5 pm Award Ceremony for Static Exhibits in Show Arena 5:30 pm Bucket Calf Scramble 6 pm Livestock Sale *Activities listed above are subject to change or cancellation. Please watch for schedule updates on the Coffey County Fair & Events page on Facebook.

Any county resident may enter in open class and be eligible for premiums. Entry numbers will be available on the entry day of the fair; Wednesday, July 23rd.

Exhibit Buildings Open to the Public: Thursday thru Saturday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Antique Tractor Display: Wednesday thru Sunday – 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Andy Foltz: 4-H teaches importance of confidence

Katie McMurray Reporter

senior Andy Foltz has learned about confidence and the importance of having confidence.

Foltz is a senior in the Tip Top 4-H Club, and he has been a part of 4-H for 10 years. He joined because of the key," Foltz said. opportunity to work with animals.

"I joined because I always loved being around livestock as a child and thought it would be fun to show them," Foltz said.

In this year's fair, Foltz will be entering beef steers and goats. He said the beef project is his favorite.

"My favorite project is beef because I love the community around it," Foltz said. "The shows are fun to go to."

Foltz's fondest memory of 4-H was not of the fair but of a club activity and took place not long after he first joined the organization.

"My favorite memory of 4-H is WAVERLY — Since joining 4-H, my first club tour as a Tip Top 4-H club member," Foltz said.

During his time as a 4-Her, Foltz has learned much, particularly about confidence.

"I have learned that confidence is

Foltz, the son of Peter and Jill Foltz, is a 2025 graduate of Waverly High School. His future plans are to go into the workforce.







Photo submitted Tip Top senior 4-Her Andy Foltz has learned a lot about confidence during his time in the organization.



Clayton Linsey: 4-H teaches how to persevere through challenges

Katie McMurray

Reporter

LEBO — During his years in 4-H, senior Clayton Linsey has learned many valuable lessons and life skills.

Linsey is a senior in the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, and he has been a member of during his years in 4-H, Linsey has also 4-H for 12 years. He joined for the experiences the organization offered.

"I joined 4-H to experience the learning opportunities, fun memories and friendships 4-H has to offer." Linsev said. "I also joined to become an effective leader and a positive role model."

In his final Coffev County Fair as a 4-Her, Linsey will have entries in two projects, swine and agronomy. The swine project is his favorite.

because I have participated in it for all 12 years of my 4-H career," Linsey said. "I love watching the pigs grow and getting to show them at the county fair."

Linsey has made fond memories both at the fair and at other events.

"My favorite memory of 4-H is going to 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch and showing at the county fair," Linsey said.

For all the memories he has made learned just as many valuable lessons and skills.

"I have learned how to persevere through challenges and never give up," Linsey said. "I have learned valuable leadership skills and the proper steps of running a meeting. 4-H has also taught me communication skills through the leadership project and helping the community out when in need."

The lessons learned will not only stay "Swine has been my favorite project with him for life but also were impactful in creating new opportunities.

"These skills have impacted my life

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Clayton Linsey, a senior in the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club, has learned valuable lessons about perseverance as a 4-Her.





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Linsey

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by creating new experiences and relationships with others in the community," Linsey said.

Linsey, the son of Landon and Julie Linsey, is a 2025 graduate of Lebo High School. He will attend Butler Community College this fall to pursue a degree in farm and ranch management. After graduating, he plans to go and work on the family farm.

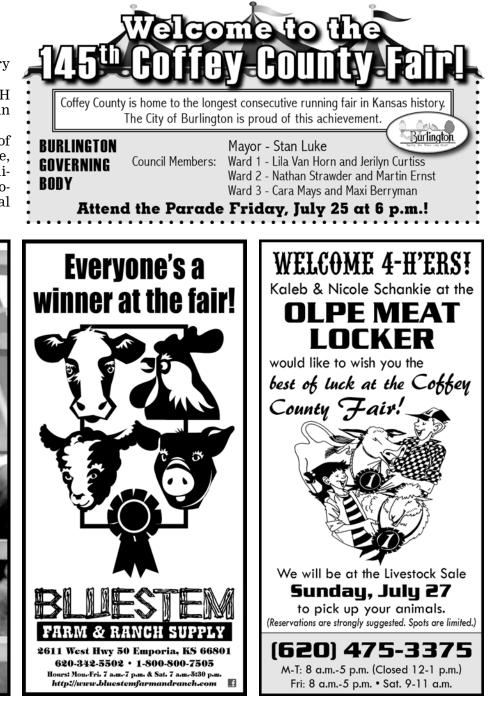
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Durst's favorite 4-H memory also involves leadership.

"My fondest memory of 4-H is probably leading my club in meetings," Durst said.

Durst is a 2025 graduate of Lebo High School. In the future, he plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology in order to study mechanical engineering.





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Boots, roots and cattle chutes at the Coffey County Fair parade

Katie McMurray Reporter

celebrate your farm and country at the Coffey County Fair." This side at the 145th annual Coffey year's parade marshal is the family

County Fair Parade. The parade of Warren W. Bell. will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, July 25, and will feature the theme BURLINGTON — Bring out and "Boots, Roots and Cattle Chutes

and Juniatta streets in front of St. Street to the ball diamonds instead Francis Xavier Parish Hall and of crossing U.S. 75 to disband. No will travel south on Third Street, throwing of candy or objects from to Alleghany Street. At Alleghany parade procession participants is Street, the parade will end, but en- allowed, but candy and objects may trants should turn right and cross Highway 75 with the assistance of

officials to disband. Floats with The parade route begins at Third children may travel south on Third

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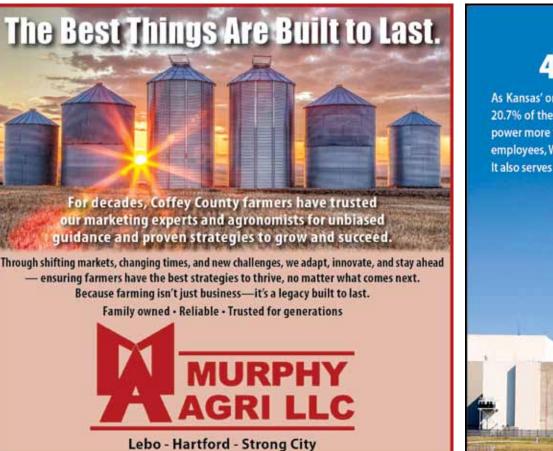
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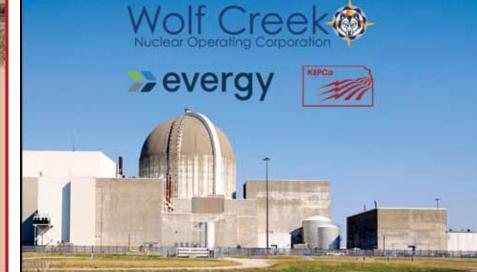
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Pedal Power Tractor Pull to offer many trophies

Katie McMurray Reporter

BURLINGTON — A state-sanctioned Pedal Power Tractor Pull is planned for this year's Coffey County Fair. It will be held 7 p.m. Friday, July 25. A total of 45 trophies will be awarded to winners in nine age categories.

In each age category, the top five placers will receive a trophy, and the top two pedal pullers will also qualify to compete in the Pedal Power Tractor Pull at the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson in September.

The pull is open to all children ages 4 to 12. Participants are asked to pre-register beginning at 6 p.m. to the east of Kelley Hall. The pull will begin at 7 p.m. with the four-year-old division.

The local pull is sponsored by area merchants and the Coffey County Farm Bureau Association.





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Kent Stukey: Beef project is a special favorite

Katie McMurray Reporter

WAVERLY — For many members of 4-H, including Tip Top 4-H senior Kent Stukey, one part of the 4-H experience is finding a project that stands out above the rest and becomes a special favorite.

Stukey has been a member of the Tip Top 4-H Club for 11 years. He first joined the club because of family.

"I joined because my sisters were doing it and it seemed fun," Stukey said.

After joining, Stukey found one particular project that he especially enjoyed.

ite," Stukey said. "Cattle are my favorite animals to work with."

In the 145th Coffey County Fair, Stukey will have entries in the beef project, as well as foods, swine and a reporter's book.

His fondest 4-H memory involves the fair. "My favorite 4-H memory is watching the derby from the top of my stock trailer, during the fair," Stukey said.

While he has enjoyed his time in 4-H, Stukey said he has also learned multiple lessons.

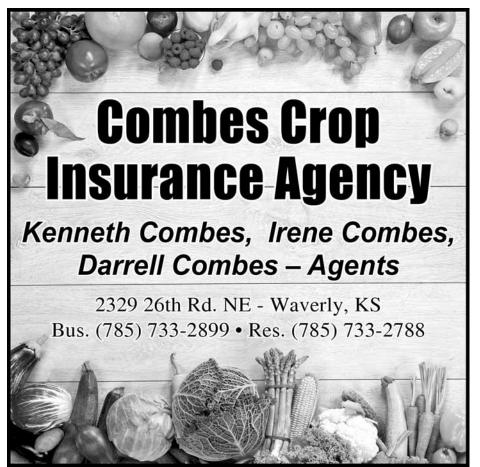
"Being in 4-H has taught me a lot about hard work, earning what I want to get and planning for the future," Stukey said.

Stukey is the son of Russel and Jennifer Stukey and is a 2025 graduate of Burlington "The beef project is my favor- High School. He plans to attend Iron Eagle Welding Academy in Stockton, Mo., in the fall.



Photo submitted

Kent Stukey, a senior member of the Tip Top 4-H Club, has enjoyed participating in the beef project and has had success showing his cattle at the county fair.





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Morgan Vogts: In 4-H, everyone can help others

Katie McMurray Reporter

WAVERLY — During her years in the organization. senior 4-Her Morgan Vogts has made fond memories and learned many lessons, including that in 4-H, everyone can help others.

Vogts, the daughter of Travis and Kristi Vogts, has been a member of and textile design," Vogts said. the Tip Top 4-H Club for 12 years.

"It's a family thing," Vogts said. "My grandparents on my mom's side of the family were 4-H members, so were my parents and siblings. At a young age, I was able to see the impact the 4-H program made on people through our community service."

Vogts is enrolled in the family studies, foods and nutrition, market beef and sewing and textile

design projects. For her final Cof- grandmother. fey County Fair as a 4-Her, she will have an educational display for her family studies project. She is planning to bring two steers to the fair. Her sewing projects consist of her prom dress, a coat and a dress. She has several recipes she would like to attempt for her food entries.

"My favorite project is sewing "This is the only project that I have been enrolled in my entire 4-H career. Sewing has taught me how to 'think outside the box' with problem solving and be creative. At a young age, I learned that my skills could be used to help others, like making masks, mending sports uniforms or simply making gifts for others."

The project also provided her opportunities to spend time with her

"My abilities wouldn't be what fair week. they are today without my Grandma Connie," Vogts said. "She is learning, planning, working on my sewing leader. Grandma has always encouraged my creative ideas and supported me when rives and it's time to see the rethose ideas didn't turn out like I thought they would. My grandma's guidance helped develop my passion and involvement within the sewing project, which led me to the career choice in family and consumer science (FACS) education."

Vogts' favorite memory of 4-H is

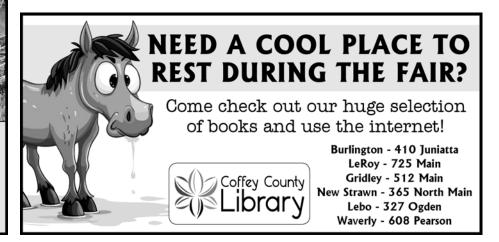
"All year long, time is spent projects in preparation for fair week," Vogts said. "Fair week arsults. It's the fun, the excitement, the atmosphere of the shows, the judging events and the time spent with friends making lifelong memories."

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Senior Morgan Vogts participated in community service projects with the Tip Top 4-H Club, where she was able to see the impact of the service and learn everyone can help, regardless of age.



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Parade

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be handed out.

Registration will take place from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in front of St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, and participants should line up at the east side of Third and Juniatta streets. Participants are asked to refrain from traveling down U.S. 75 with their entries and to observe the safety and welfare of all others in the formation of the parade.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four floats, with first place receiving \$200. The second-place prize is \$150, while the third-place float receives \$100 and the fourth-place finisher wins \$50. The first-, second- and third-place business floats will receive prizes of \$50, \$40 and \$30, respectively. All other floats entered will receive \$20. Winners in all other categories will receive \$20 for first place, \$10 for second place and \$5 for third place. Prize money may be collected from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 27, at Kelley Hall at the fairgrounds.

Parade categories include classic car/pickup, modified car/ pickup, oldest driven car/pickup, oldest tractor, most rare tractor, oldest person in parade, oddities, business floats, floats and horse/ mule with rider.

Parade information and entry forms can be found on pages 118-120 in the fair books, which are available at various locations throughout the county, including banks, libraries and the Extension Office located at 225 Cross St. in Burlington. The fair book can also be found online at https:/// www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/coffeycountyfair.

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Vogts

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As a 4-Her, Vogts has learned a variety of lessons and life skills.

"4-H has provided me with many valuable lessons that have and will greatly impact my life," Vogts said. "Learning not to give up when things don't go as planned with a project or when showing an animal. We were taught that if you started something to see it all the way through, right down to the paperwork (for a record book). Time management, responsibility to commitments and good communication are a few skills that I developed during my career and that I will continue to build on."

Community service also provided learning opportunities.

"Community service projects showed me that, no matter the age, everyone can help others," Vogts said.

Perhaps the most significant impact of 4-H was learning leader-ship.

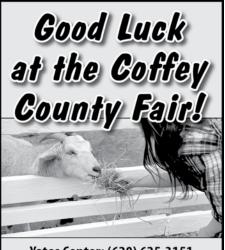
"The most valuable experience that I had through 4-H is learning how to be a positive leader," Vogts said. "A 4-Her works with people of all ages and group sizes. Not every leader looks or functions the same. When we all work together, we learn from each other to achieve our highest goals and biggest dreams."

Vogts is a 2025 graduate of Waverly High School. This fall, she will be attending Kansas State University to pursue, where she will be majoring in human growth and development. She plans to become a FACS teacher and would also like to be certified in math and agriculture education. Her goal is to return to a small rural school for her teaching career.





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2025 Sweet 6 and Sweet 16 Contest

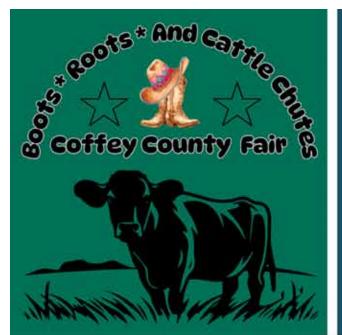
Burlington Jaynes sponsoring annual fundraising contest

BURLINGTON — The annual Sweet 6 and Sweet 16 contest is in full swing as the 145th Coffey County Fair approaches. The nine Sweet 6 contestants and seven Sweet 16 contenders will ride on a float in the fair parade at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 25. The winner in each category will be crowned after the parade at the grandstand in Kelley Park.The winner is determined by the largest number of votes, with one penny equal to one vote. Contestants have a collection box and picture displayed at Hoover's Thriftway in Burlington. Girls must

be present at the crowning ceremony to win. Votes may be cast at Hoover's until noon July 25. At that time, the collection boxes will be picked up by the Burlington Javnes. The Sweet 6 and Sweet 16 contest is a fundraising project sponsored by the Burlington Jaynes, a community service organization. The Jaynes use money collected from the contest to support many community events and projects. The events and projects for which funds have been utilized vary and include Burlington's annual Easter Egg Hunt, scholarships for graduating seniors, adopting families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, playground improvements and community youth events. The Burlington Jaynes have sponsored the Sweet 6 and Sweet 16 contest since 1973.







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Wishing the best of luck to all 4-H, FFA, Open Class and other event participants!





