4-H Communication Contests
Each year, 4-H offers communication contests for youth ages 5-18 to enter. This gives them the opportunity to express themselves in a creative sense, and an opportunity to win scholarship dollars to be used towards their own 4-H endeavors. All items will be displayed and judged during presentation competition on June 2nd.

4-H Poster Contests:
Youth may enter the Poultry, Dairy, or Career Contest(s); or can enter all three. All entries must be on standard poster board (22” x 28”). Entries from 5-8 year olds will only be judged on the county level, while the winners in the 9-18 year olds will advance to the state competition. All entries will receive 4-H scholarship dollars. NO clipart or copyrighted material (cartoon characters, etc.) are accepted — original artwork only. No cut-out letters, etc.

- **Career Exploration Posters** are scored on originality, accurate information, theme, message, and overall general appearance. 2009 data is not available, but should be the same as 2008. Age divisions are 5-8, 9-10, 11-13, and 14-18.
- **Dairy Poster Contest** “Fuel Up with Milk - June Dairy Month”
  Age divisions are 5-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19.
- **Poultry Poster Contest**- The theme is “Wild and Wacky Waterfowl”.
  Age divisions are 5-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19.
- **Beef Poster Contest** “Discover the Power of Protein”
  Age divisions are 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, and 17-21.

Photography Contest: Youth may submit up to four photographs for judging: one each in Beef Cattle, Nature’s Beauty, 4-H in Action and 4-H Centennial. Photos may be in color OR black-and-white and any size, 8x10” or smaller will be accepted. Entries in the 9-12, and 13-18 year old categories will advance to the State Competition.

4-H Horse Contests

- **Short Story Writing**– 200 to 1000 words, typed, double-spaced or handwritten in ink
- **Poetry**– less than 50 lines, typed, double-spaced or handwritten in ink
- **Essay**– 200 to 1000 words, typed, double-spaced or handwritten in ink
- **Drawing**– matted size 9”x12” to 18”-24”,
  pencil, chalk, charcoal, pen and ink, or pastels, matted w/3” border
- **Painting**– matted size 9”x12” to 18”x24”,
  watercolor, acrylic, oil, or tempura (Juniors only), matted w/3” border
- **Crafts**– woodworking and craft items including horse and rider
- **Photography**– 5”x7” - 10”x12” mounted, black-and-white or color
- **Poster**– Standard 22”x28”, ANY horse related topic
- **Sewing**– articles to be worn by a horse or rider (blanket, saddle pad, grooming apron, boot bags, etc.)

**Operation Military Kids Visual Arts Contests**
Photography Contest—8 X 10 size images in color or black and white. The themes include: Images of America, Spirit of Patriotism and Celebrating Our Soldiers...Past and Present.

For more information on these competitions, please contact the 4-H office at 336-703-2850 or visit the links above to download appropriate forms. ALL entries should be submitted to the county 4-H office for judging at the Presentation Competition on June 2nd.

Entry forms are due on April 30th. (use the entry form that is associated with each contest)