



4-H Members shine at Achievement Days

BY EMMA AHLERS

In early August, 4-H members participate in Achievement Days. It is a week where they showcase their achievements and talents. Sophomore Hailey Schoenfelder explained what happens during Achievement Days: "Members may participate in things like special foods and public presentations, while also being able to show several kinds of livestock and other animals. Along with this, 4-H members may enter and show projects and homemade goods that they have made within the past 4-H year. These entries will each be given a ribbon based off certain criteria."

This year, Schoenfelder showcased a multitude of different things. "...I took an array of projects and baked goods that totaled around forty-five items. I also showed my rabbits and my dog, Mabel. I participated in county special foods with my Perfect Pork Chops and public presentations with my ribbon roses." Everything that she took to Achievement Days came out with either a purple or blue ribbon. She also won two best-of-show ribbons for her child development Kit of 5 and one of her cherry tomatoes.

Senior Hannah Schoenfelder, another member of 4-H, had her own collection of showcases. "...I showed my rabbits and did showmanship with them. I got reserve senior rabbit showman and reserve champion rabbit with my mini lop." She also participated in special foods and did a demonstration, showed indoor exhibits and got two best of shows for her companion animal and her carmel apple jam.



Hannah and Hailey Schoenfelder holding their rabbits. This year Hannah will be enters her 9th year in 4-H and Hailey enters her 7th year. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

HHS Students find work at State Fair

BY EMMA AHLERS

Many students from Huron High School worked at the South Dakota State Fair. Two of these students were seniors Makeisha Davis and December Lwin.

Davis worked at the Indian taco stand and the burger stand. "I got started because my family knows the people who own the stands, and a family friend asked me if I was interested in working there. All I did was call and ask one of supervisors about the job and gave them my information." At first, Davis worked five-to-six-hour shifts, but by the end, she worked seven to eight hours. Reflecting on her experience, Davis stated, "In all honesty, there's pros and cons to working at the fair. It's hot and humid outside and sometimes you're on your feet for hours, but it's one hundred percent worth it. It's so fun and it pays well..."

Lwin worked at the Chislic stand. She chose this job for the pay and the experience. One of her friends called her because they needed the help. Her shifts were seven to eight hours long, but she did not have to work all of the days. "It was pretty good working at the state fair for the first time, but my legs were hurting really bad."

HHS service groups, Key Club and HYLC, lend a hand

BY EMMA AHLERS

Members of both Key Club and HYLC volunteered at the South Dakota State Fair.

Aurora Dreyer, senior, volunteered at the Pancake House for Key Club and at the gates for HYLC. She enjoyed her experience, saying, "...it was interesting getting to see all [of] the different people come through the gates and going through the line for food. My favorite part was getting to have conversations with people."

Karly Knippling, junior, worked at the gates for HYLC. She also liked volunteering at the fair. "It was fun getting to know the workers..., and it was great knowing that I can help raise money for HYLC. My favorite part about volunteering was talking with the other workers and getting to see people from the state. I also got to pet some animals...!"

Both Dreyer and Knippling highly recommend volunteering. Dreyer stated, "...I believe we should give back...I also believe volunteering can be fun; you can meet new people and make their day by a little act of kindness or even by a small conversation."

Thoughts on the SD State Fair

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BY ANNECLAIRE RUBISH

The State Fair is a huge part of Huron, and it is a great thing for our town to have. There are so many positives to us hosting it. One of these is that it brings in revenue for the businesses in our town. Not only does the fair itself earn money, but the hotels, restaurants, and other businesses in Huron also earn money from the state fair.

Another great thing about the State Fair is just how much fun it is. For me, the best part is the rides. Nowhere close to Huron has an amusement park, so where else would you get to experience the thrill of riding the Zipper every year?

I also really enjoy the concerts, and if it wasn't for the fair, there's no way I would've ever seen Riley Green.

And though many complain about how costly the fair can be, walking through the buildings can get you loads of free stuff. If none of those things are something that interest you, the Bull Bash, 4-H events, and all of the food to eat certainly make the fair a wonderful experience for anyone.

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BY AURORA DREYER

At Huron's annual State Fair, there are many pros, but also various number cons. The combined expenses from admission, food, and rides have increased dramatically. Just to get into the fair itself is \$10. If you truly think about it, \$10 is not a lot of money for a full day of fun and entertainment, but for those who go each day, that is already \$60 in admissions fees.

The inflation of food prices is another downfall of the fair. Visitors to the South Dakota State Fair can easily spend \$20 on each meal due to the significant increase in prices.

Long lines for purchasing food and rides are also common drawbacks. On average, visitors can expect to wait fifteen minutes for rides during the fair's operating hours and even longer later into the night. These are just a few of the cons of the South Dakota State Fair.

Sports during South Dakota State Fair

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

As the school year begins, so do many activities for high school students. At the same time, the South Dakota State Fair starts up, and the scheduling conflicts between it and high school sports can tend to be contradictory.

We ask our athletes to be active in many different activities, like 4-H and sports, and then make them choose between them. Picking between these two can be very difficult, even though some manage to do both.

I think this is wrong, I do not think we should make high school students pick between two things they spend a lot of time and money on.

As an athlete myself, having the fair in my hometown can make it hard to be focused on sports. It feels wrong to be staying out at night and being on our legs the whole day when we have to compete that week. It is a tough spot for both coaches and athletes to be in.

Within our Huron community, the fair is a tradition for many families, and we only have a few short years to create these memories with our fellow classmates and family.

We have the rest of the year to spend on sports and training. Considering this I don't think it is too much to ask to get the Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the fair off. Most



The HHS varsity football team plays Yankton on the Friday of the SD State Fair. Many football players also participated in 4-H events over the weekend.

PHOTO BY ERICA MCNEIL

athletes even dedicate many precious summer hours to their respective sports, so shouldn't we get the state fair week off?

SDSF Concert Reviews

BY KIRSTEN DEGEEST

Goo Goo Dolls

The first concert at the 2024 State Fair was the Goo Goo Dolls. HHS seniors Lily Halter and Moses Gross both attended.

Halter said, "I really liked the opener, Kory and the Fireflies, they had some good songs." The opener is a crucial part to the concert as it gets fan hyped up for the main event. Gross, on the other hand, thought the opener was "mid".

Halter and Gross agreed on a few things about the concert: the performance was well done; and that 'Iris' was the best song. The Goo Goo Dolls are well known for this song, so it is no surprise that it was the crowd favorite.

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Riley Green

Riley Green is a well-known country artist. He performed on Saturday night, and freshman Claire Davis attended the concert.

She thought the opener, John Morgan, was good, and he did his job well, getting the crowd ready for Green. Davis would have rather had a smaller crowd, as she thought the pit was very full. "I really liked Riley Green, he was involved with the crowd and his band was good. My favorite song was 'Worst Way' and 'I Wish Grandpas Never Died'. 'I Wish Grandpas Never Died' was an encore.

Green even wore a Big D's Timeout t-shirt while performing, which helped capture the hearts of the Huron crowd.

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Trace Adkins

Trace Adkins performed Sunday night. Adkins is also a well-known country artist, but unlike Green, he is a little older. Emma DeJong, HHS senior, thought Adkins performed very well and her personal favorite song was 'Honytonk Badonkydonk'. This seemed to be a crowd favorite.

However, DeJong thought the opener, Tyler Halverson, could have been better, along with the crowd. Mackenzie Hershman, HHS senior, got a different view of the concert. She sat in the grandstands, unlike DeJong who was in the pit. She enjoyed the concert but she thought he wasn't as good of an entertainer as Green. She said, "I liked the concert but I enjoy the entertainment side better."

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RED: A Taylor Swift Tribute Band

RED: A Taylor Swift Tribute Band had people feeling many different ways. HHS senior Connor Hofer said, "I chose to go because my friends were going and they had an extra ticket. The singing was good but the dancing looked like me dancing out there and my eyes just couldn't take it." Molly Whitney, HHS junior, had the same type of feelings because she left before it was even over. Whitney said, "I didn't really like it because it wasn't the real thing.."

On the other hand, Lily Halter, HHS senior and die-hard Swiftie, thought the performance was good enough. She thought it was a nice touch to the fair. Halter thought the performer had a good voice, but she also did not like the dancers.

Favorite State Fair food

BY AURORA DREYER



Andy Carera - 9th grader

A warm fresh funnel cake with powdered sugar is Carera's go-to food, and it only costs \$8.



Izzy Schafer - 10th grader

Schafer always gets a cold, refreshing Strawberry Banana smoothie for \$8.



Tara Winger - 11th grader

Drunken noodles from Little Blue Elephant is Winger's favorite meal for \$8.



Paw Kler Moo - 12th grader

Caramel apples is one thing Moo looks forward to, and it's only \$6.

4-H Spotlight

BY LOGAN LEYENDECKER

Kyla Peskey

What do you do in 4-H?

“I show cattle”

How did you do?

“I won multiple shows and showmanship’s this year, including the midwest regional show.”

What is your favorite part of 4-H at the State Fair?

“My favorite part about showing at the fair is seeing my friends one last time before the showing season is over.”

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*Reserve Champion Hereford Heifer in Open Class
Show Champion FFA Breeding Showmanship*

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Mackenzie Hershman

What do you do in 4-H?

“In 4-H I do indoor exhibits, I am the vice president of my club, and 4-H council.”

How did you do?

“I won one purple ribbon and five blue ribbons at state.”

What was your favorite part of 4H at the fair?

“My favorite part about 4-H at the state fair is looking at all the indoor projects.”

Brady Meyer

What do you do in 4-H?

“This year at the State Fair I did the timed event championship rodeo.”

How did you do?

“In the timed event I won the first round of steer wrestling with a 4.9 second run.”

What was your favorite part of 4-H at the fair?

“I really enjoy the timed event because it’s the last time before school really starts I get to see my rodeo friends.”

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4-H Spotlight

BY: ASPEN WHITE

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***Erianna Devries*****What do you do in 4-H?**

“I show two sheep and did four indoor exhibits: one flower bouquet, one painted chair, and two wood projects.”

How did you do?

“I got two purples and two blues for my indoor exhibits. I did okay in showing my sheep, I got sixth with my weather (male sheep) and ninth with my ewe (female sheep).”

What was your favorite part of 4-H at the fair?

“My favorite part about 4-H during fair would be showing my sheep, because its pretty easy to show sheep and seeing your hard work pay off.”

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Lydia Cook**What do you do in 4-H?**

“I show cattle in 4-H”

How did you do?

“I did good in my last year events; I averaged 2nd or 3rd in my classes with my Simmental steer Hank and Red Angus steer Leon”

What was your favorite part of 4-H at the fair?

“My favorite part about 4-H during the fair is showing my cattle and seeing all my hard work throughout the year pay off and seeing old friends and making new friends.”



Class winner Lydia Cook with her Simmental steer “Hank”

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***Hannah Schoenfelder*****What do you do in 4-H?**

“In 4-H, I do rabbit shows, indoor exhibits, horticulture judging, and CDM judging.”

How did you do?

“This year at the fair my mini lop got second in the breed. I got 4th individual in CDM judging at the fair. My indoor exhibits also did pretty well, all receiving purples or blues.”

What was your favorite part of 4-H at the fair?

“Seeing all the indoor exhibits from other counties and getting ideas for next year’s entries.”

What is the best part of state fair?

BY LILY HALTER

The SD State Fair is jam-packed full of activities, ranging from riding rides, to seeing animals, attending concerts, and many who grew up in Huron have fond memories of the fair from when they were younger.

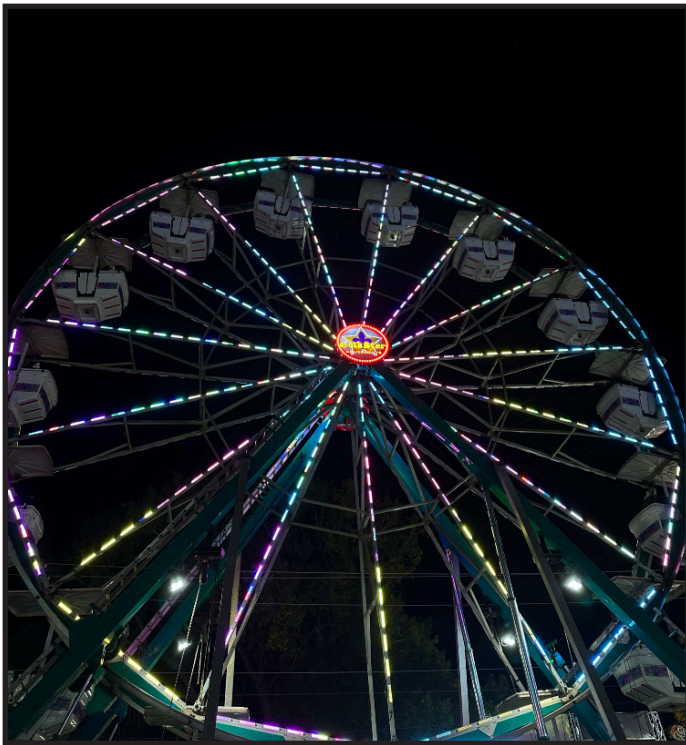
A Survey Monkey sent to students and staff encouraged them to share their favorite fair memories. One student said their's was "...my grandma abandoning me and my sister by ourselves at age six and seven because she was tired of us being brats."

A majority of people said that they have great memories of being around their family and friends, eating great food, and riding scary rides for the first time:

~"My favorite childhood memory would have to be walking through the display campers and checking them all out."

~"My favorite childhood memory from the State Fair was going on the family rides with my parents."

The State Fair is great time to bond with one's family members, and is an enjoyable experience no matter what someone's favorite activity is.



The glorious ferris wheel shines in the night sky. The ferris wheel is one of the staple attractions of the South Dakota State Fair.

● Concert competitors

● This year at the Stae Fair there was four concerts at the Grandstand: rock band Goo Goo Dolls, country singers Riley Green and Trace Adkins, and a Taylor Swift tribute band named RED.

● Many HHS students attended these performances, and when a polled, 39 students answered as follows: 18% went to Riley Green, 10% went to Trace Adkins, 5% went to The Goo Goo Dolls, and 3% went to RED. A surprising 64% did not attend any of the concerts.

● HHS Senior Allison Janes said "He's (Riley Green) gorgeous so he puts on a show even without singing." Another anonymous student said "Trace Adkins was so good, I knew a lot of the songs and the vibes in the pit were so good."



The Goo Goo Dolls rocking the Grandstand and a wonderful crowd. They sang a lot of fan-favorites and some new hits, too.

● What is the best fair building?

● On the fairgrounds there is a plethora of buildings with a variety of attractions and artwork displayed, as well as merchandise to purchase.

● When asked about which building is the most enjoyable to walk through, the students' answers varied. Many said that they love any buildings with animals in them, such as the FFA building, the rabbit and poultry building, and the petting zoo.

● One student said "I like walking through the Expo Center because there's a lot of shopping in there. I also like walking through the Hippodrome to see all the horses." Many state fair patrons enjoy the Expo building because of all the vendors giving away free merchandise. Another student said "The free yard stick building because there are free yard sticks."



What's your favorite ride?

BY MADELINE KLEINSASSER

Everyone has their favorite and least favorite rides at the State Fair. Some people like the crazier rides, like the Insanity 360, or the Zipper, and some like the calmer rides, such as the Yo-Yo or Ferris Wheel. When students go to the Fair, they don't expect to see their teachers on the same rides, but even teachers can enjoy the rides. The Tiger Stripes surveyed the student body and staff, and the Zipper was definitely the favorite for both.

Teachers



Above, Rachel Kary and her two sons Leo and Conner ride the Music Express.

A bunch of teachers said their favorite ride is the Zipper.

Heidi Holforty's favorite ride when she was younger would've been the Zipper, but now it's her least favorite.

Rachel Kary said, "My love for the Zipper was taken

to another level this year because Leo, my 9-year-old, also enjoys going on the Zipper now." Adam Heagley went on the Zipper and the Insanity 360 with Kary, and they both agreed that the Zipper is still better.

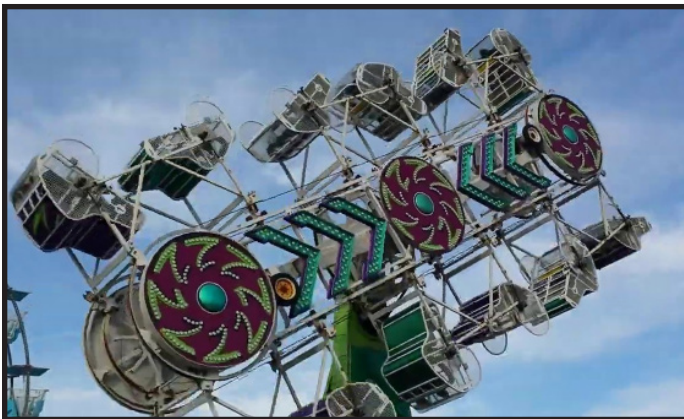


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Students

For students, there is more of a variety of favorite rides, the Insanity 360 being a big one.

Shay Brickley said her favorite ride is the Insanity 360, because it's super fun; she rode it over 20 times. Brickley also said that the Zipper was a close second. Tyler Hohn said his favorite ride is the Ring of Fire because of the adrenaline rush of going upside down. Jaslynn Horn said her favorite ride is the Zipper because

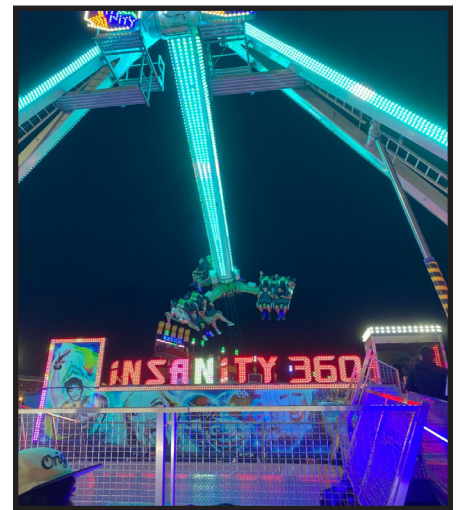


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the lines go by fast and also because trying to flip as many times as possible is fun.

Some other favorite rides were are the Music Express, Tilt-a-Whirl, and the Pharaoh's Fury.



Above, Jaslynn Horn and Hailey Schoenfelder riding the Insanity 360.



State Fair Fun Recap

BY ERIANNA DEVRIES

Students, staff, family members, and even some animals celebrate the South Dakota State Fair.

