NOT HER FIRST RODEO

FRESHMAN KEEPS FAMILY TRADITIONS ALIVE BY PARTICIPATING IN 4H.

Showing off animals, making arts and crafts, and competing in competitions is a normal day for a 4H participant. While balancing school, extracurriculars, and other clubs may be difficult, **Parker Tufford, 9** finds a way to balance it all. She has done 4H for eight years and does eight events throughout the year.

"Through the months when 4H overlaps with school like March, April, and May, it is very tough. I tend to go after school or practice to work with my horses and after that I finish all my school work," Tufford said.

4H has been around for years and has even become a staple in families. In more recent years, new and more "modern" courses have been added. 4H makes sure to still keep its rural feeling by keeping its main message, empower the youth. These skills are used for years to come and are an amazing foundation for the youth to use as they grow into a young adult.

"My mom's side of the family has done it since she was little so it's become a tradition for all of us to enjoy," Tufford said.

This organization also opens the door for socializing to be able to meet new people and make new friends. For Tufford, she enjoys the bonding between her family and animal companions.

"Getting ready with my sister and being able to have the luxury to ride and show these animals is great," Tufford said.

This organization was founded over a century ago but it still has a major impact on many people today. A newer part of 4H includes other catergories such as modeling. Although 4H isn't offered through school, it still helps kids build courage, create new relationships, and strive for the opportunity to go to state.

AMERICAS FINEST CITY For some people, summer is a time for new memories and places. **David Diaz-Arriaga, 11** got to experience both. "We went to San Diego to go play soccer there," Diaz said. He also went sight-seeing. "We went to the beach and went into the ocean." Photo by David Diaz

HAKUNA MATATA On July 24, **Adan Colon, 11** spent his summer in California at Disneyland. "My favorite part was being able to ride the rides and spend time with my cousins," Colon said. He ended his trip Aug. 3. Photo by Adan Colon

_EI-ING LOW Staying in Hawaii for your summer before your senior year feels like a dream come rue. Well for **Gabrielle Diaz, 12** that dream came rue. "We went all around the island of Oahu and we got to see all the different beaches and try new oods," Diaz said. Her highlights of the trip included eing with family and swimming on the beach. Photos by Gabrielle Diaz

60 ELEMENTS IN ONE BRAIN

CHEMISTRY STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE ELEMENT TEST ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

"I would time and compare my answers on a notebook to study. I felt nervous when I was taking the test because it was timed but it wasn't that hard."
Jesse Ibarra, 11

"I have studied over July and August over the things she sent out during last year. I studied and looked more into it. The hardest elements to remember was probably from 50-60 because they are bigger."
Xeny Lucas, 11

"Chemistry is okay. It gets easier as you start to understand things. I didn't study over the summer because I was a new student, so I didn't get the email about it. I told myself not to give up and that I could do it during the quiz."
Melissa Grandon, 11

"I spent the whole weekend before the first day of school and the morning of to study for it. I did alright on the quiz. Chemistry is a pretty difficult class and you have to put a lot of time and work into it if you want a good grade."
Cesar Munoz, 11

"I studied the week before for a little each day and I studied a lot the morning of to really prepare myself. I did better on the second quiz because I already had the first ones memorized from the last time I studied."
Sagda Abdelbagi, 11

SONG OF THE SUMMER

STUDENTS SHARE THEIR FAVORITE SONG OVER THE SUMMER.

" 'Suzia' by Calle 24 was my song of the summer. I feel like it was the most popular but I enjoyed the tune and I like his voice. I would say listening to Calle 24 is a once in a while thing."
Natalie Ramirez, 11

"My song of the summer was 'Love Me Not' by Ravyn Lenae. It got really popular on Tik Tok and people would dance to it. The song gives me energy but it also has a calming and chill vibe."
Maylin Novoa, 12

"My favorite song was 'BAILE INOLVIDABLE' by Bad Bunny because it reminded me of when I was young. I listen to him often."
Briseida Cos-Hernandez, 9

*SHE **DID THAT***

4 -H 1995 Sophomore Beth Wellmann 95' listens to her mother, Marie as she explains a 4-H project.