



# AG EXPO GAZETTE

## 2025

KP 4-H is positively overwhelmed by Ag Expo 2025!

First, that it was our FIFTH Ag Expo is utterly humbling and amazing. To be able to bring this event to our community has become such a highlight of the 4-H year, and to be able to do it five times now is something we celebrate heartily!

Secondly, the continued amazing support of our Expo sponsors, supporters, bidders, buyers, volunteers, and cheerleaders is something we treasure every single day of our Expo, and every single day of our 4-H programming. There are so many who come together in both little ways and huge ways to make the Ag Expo what it has become, and every single one of you are cherished and treasured by KP 4-H.

We are proud to deliver the 2025 edition of this Ag Expo Gazette, and we are even prouder that you were part of our annual event.

With gratitude and on behalf of all the youth, volunteers, and families of KP 4-H,

Cassandra Rankin  
Program Coordinator



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# AUCTION

# Thank You!

## 2025 JML Auction Buyers



KENAI PENINSULA DISTRICT 4-H  
Junior Market Livestock Program

- Alaska Mill and Feed
- Buckets Sports Grill
- Cook Inlet Gardens
- Drs Evan and Bobbie Frisk
- Echo Lake Meats
- Emprise Veterinary Service
- Epperheimer, Inc.
- Gunning Cabin Rentals
- Hidden Spot Farm
- JML Buyers Club
- Last Frontier Development
- Living Alaska
- Mossy Oak Properties, Soldotna
- North Star Metals
- Peninsula Driving Instruction
- Peninsula Health Center
- Pure Alaska
- Quinton Farms
- Salamatof Native Association, Inc.
- Soldotna Rotary
- Three Bears Alaska
- Two Broke Girls
- Velda Geller



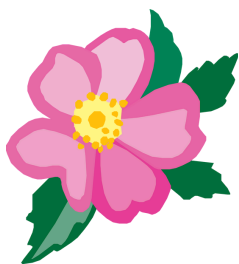
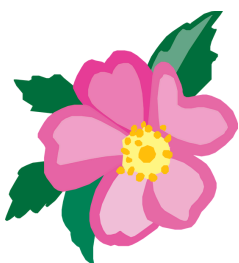
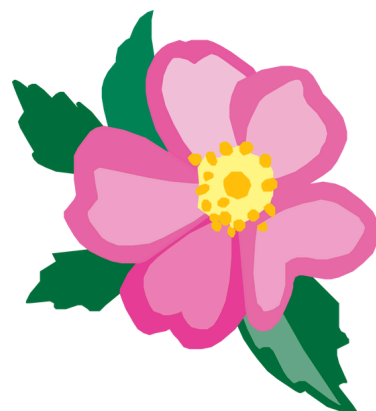
WARM THANK YOUS TO:

Announcer:

Maya Lehl

Auctioneer:

Rayne Reynolds



# Thank you!



*To Everyone who Added On to our youths' 2025 Junior Market Livestock Projects!*

2 Broke Girls Cleaning Company  
Alaska Mill and Feed  
Alex Medina  
Barbara Crow  
Buckets Sports Grill  
Cad-Re Feed  
Colton Rankin  
Dawn Merritt  
Drs. Evan & Bobbie Frisk  
Emprise Veterinary Services  
Epperheimer, Inc.  
Frozen Oak Farms  
Gunning Cabin Rentals  
Hidden Spot Farm  
Judy Walker

Kasilof Mercantile  
Katherine Williams  
Kenai Feed  
Kenai Peninsula Driving Instruction  
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Tom Anthony  
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KP 4-H JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK, AG EXPO 2025

# Thank You!

FOR AN INCREDIBLE LIVESTOCK AUCTION!





# CELEBRITY SHOWMANSHIP - LARGE STOCK



## WARM THANK



## YOUS TO:

Judges:

Melanie Hoogenboom &  
Ella Rankin



Event Coordination:  
Expo Activities Team!



## LARGE STOCK COMPETITORS

- Alicia Glessing, Sheep/Goat Superintendent, Club Leader, Funny River Lynx
- Amanda Miotke, 4-H mom, Homer 4-H Alls
- Christine Marlowe, DVM, 4-H mom, Homer 4-H Alls
- Elizabeth Kleweno, Horse Superintendent, Club Leader, Northwind Riders
- Mara Jennings, 4-H mom, Northwind Riders
- Misty Peterkin, 4-H mom, North Road Rangers
- Rayna Reynolds, Cattle Showman, MatSu/Copper River 4-H/FFA
- Rayne Reynolds, Auctioneer, 4-H/FFA dad, MatSu/Copper River

## LARGE STOCK CELEBRITY MASTER SHOWMAN

Rayna Reynolds, MatSu/Copper River 4-H/FFA

## RESERVE LARGE STOCK CELEBRITY MASTER SHOWMAN

Christine Marlowe, Homer 4-H Alls



# CELEBRITY SHOWMANSHIP - SMALL STOCK



**WARM THANK  
YOU'S TO:**  
Small Stock Judge:  
  
Colton Rankin  
  
Event Coordination:  
Expo Activities Team!



## SMALL STOCK COMPETITORS

- Alicia Glessing, Sheep/Goat Superintendent, Club Leader, Funny River Lynx
- Cody Krone, 4-H dad, North Road Rangers
- Eileen Gravelle, Expo Hospitality Team, Resource Leader, North Road Rangers
- Elizabeth Kleweno, Horse Superintendent, Club Leader, Northwind Riders
- John Chihuly, 4-H dad, Resource Leader, Ninilchik Snowy Owls
- Matt Rankin, Expo Grounds, Club Leader, North Road Rangers
- Rob Barto, Overall Livestock Superintendent
- Sherry Pederson, Expo Building Superintendent, Club Leader, Homer 4-H Alls

## SMALL STOCK CELEBRITY MASTER SHOWMAN

John Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls





# EXHIBIT HALL



## WARM THANK YOUS TO:

Exhibit Judges:



Connie Royal

Elaine Howell

Kelli Bologna

Linda Tannehill

Mina Hayes

Tamara Self



## EXHIBIT HALL DIVISION CHAMPS

- Clothing & Textiles: Calais Gibson, Homer 4-H Alls
- Knitting, Crochet, Needlecraft, Fiber Arts: Katee Knowlton, Northwind Riders
- Biological Science: Addy Pederson, Homer 4-H Alls
- Tech, Engineering, Physical Science: Drake Anthony, Soldotna South 4-H
- Flowers & Houseplants: Paisley Katzenberger, Sterling Riders 4-H
- Communication Arts: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Arts & Crafts: Renee Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls
- Photography: Brook Anthony, Soldotna South 4-H

## BEST IN BARN, EXHIBIT HALL:

Calais Gibson, Homer 4-H Alls, Vintage Denim Dress





# HORSE



## WARM THANK YOUS TO:

Judge:

Alana Nanaanz

Ring Steward:

Kevin Buettner

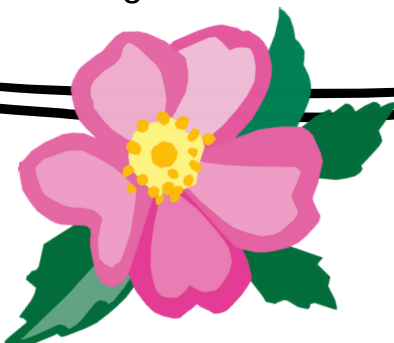
Announcer:

Samantha Lopez



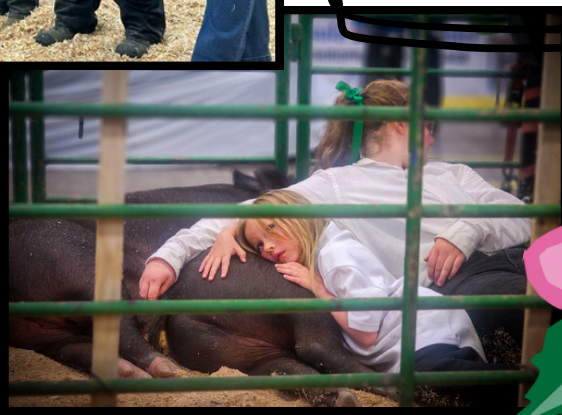
## HORSE SHOW PLACINGS

- Novice Champion: Siraina Gunning
- Novice Reserve Champion: Konrad Jennings
- Beginner Champion: Alisha Wilburn
- Overall Grand Champion: Alisha Wilburn
- Overall Reserve Grand Champion: Siraina Gunning





# LARGE LIVESTOCK



## WARM THANK YOUS TO:

Judges:



Jared & Jori Fast,  
McPeaks Be a Champ  
Livestock Camps

Veterinarians:

Dr. Christine Marlowe

Dr. Grady Austin



## LARGE STOCK CONFORMATION

- Market Goat: Katee Knowlton, Northwind Riders
- Dairy Goat: Joey Knowlton, Northwind Riders
- Market Cattle: Jacob Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Breeding Cattle: Melanie Hoogenboom, North Road Rangers
- Market Lamb: Genevieve Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Breeding Sheep: Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers
- Lt Weight Hog: Benjamin Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Med Weight Hog: Samuel Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Hvy Weight Hog: Peyton Katzenberger, Sterling Riders
- Overall Cattle: Jacob Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Overall Sheep: Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers
- Overall Swine: Samuel Merritt, Sterling Riders

## BEST IN BARN, LARGE STOCK

Samuel Merritt, Sterling Riders, Med Weight Hog

## LARGE STOCK SHOWMANSHIP

- Intermediate Goat Showman: Joey Knowlton, Northwind Riders
- Senior Goat Showman: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Intermediate Cattle Showman: Skye Glessing, Funny River Lynx
- Senior Cattle Showman: Melanie Hoogenboom, North Road Rangers
- Junior Sheep Showman: Genevieve Merritt, Sterling Riders
- Intermediate Sheep Showman: Siraina Gunning, Northwind Riders
- Senior Sheep Showman: Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers
- Junior Swine Showman: Clara Marlowe, Homer 4-H Alls
- Intermediate Swine Showman: Kadence Holmes, Northwind Riders
- Senior Swine Showman: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Overall Goat Showman: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Overall Cattle Showman: Melanie Hoogenboom, North Road Rangers
- Overall Sheep Showman: Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers
- Overall Swine Showman: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders

## MASTER SHOWMAN LARGE STOCK

Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers



# SMALL LIVESTOCK



## WARM THANK YOUS TO:

Judges:



Patty Miller  
Mary Tryon

Veterinarian:  
Dr. Robert Gerlach



## SMALL STOCK CONFORMATION

- Show Rabbit: Jocelyn Krone, North Road Rangers
- Meat Rabbit Pen: Wolf Reichard, Soldotna South
- Market Turkey: Ian Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls
- Market Chicken Pen: Sven Glessing, Funny River Lynx
- Show Chicken: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Market Goose: Brook Anthony, Soldotna South
- Show Duck: Ian Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls

## BEST IN BARN, SMALL STOCK:

Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders, Show Rooster

## SMALL STOCK SHOWMANSHIP

- Intermediate Rabbit Showman: Jocelyn Krone, North Road Rangers
- Senior Cavy Showman: Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders
- Junior Poultry Showman: Ian Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls
- Intermediate Poultry Showman: Drake Anthony, Soldotna South
- Senior Poultry Showman: Levi Rankin, North Road Rangers

## MASTER SHOWMAN SMALL STOCK

Levi Rankin, North Road Rangers





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## OUR INCREDIBLE EXPO 2025 SPONSORS

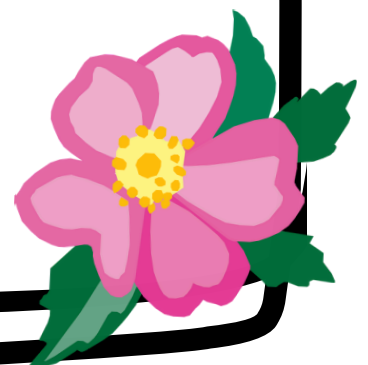
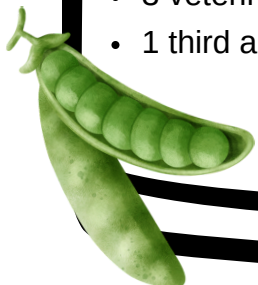
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# STATS FOR EXPO 2025

- 96,916.50 poured into our KP 4-H JML youth by way of Junior Market Livestock auction purchases and outcry add-ons
- 11,012 pounds of ethically raised homegrown livestock sold to community members and businesses. 4662 lb of cattle; 5401 lb of swine; 482 lb of sheep and goat; 307 lb of poultry; 39 lb of rabbit.
- 7860 dollars raised by JML youth for raffling off a half a hog and a lamb raised by JML members.
- 1,265 dollars raised for KP 4-H programming by way of a Silent Auction.
- 790 dollars raised by JML youth for Kenai Local Food Connection.
- 550 people at our event
- 91 4-H animal exhibits
- 70 non-animal exhibits
- 61 KP 4-H youth exhibitors
- 51 4-H animal exhibitors
- 44 auction items sold
- 39 bidders at the JML auction
- 32 generous event sponsors
- 30 bidders adding on at Junior Market Livestock auction
- 26 youth exhibiting in both Exhibit Hall and Livestock arena
- 24 Expo Team Members working hard to keep the train running
- 23 Junior age exhibitors (age 8-11)
- 23 Junior Market Livestock auction buyers
- 18 Intermediate age exhibitors (age 12-14)
- 17 Senior age exhibitors (age 15-18)
- 15 KP 4-H leaders in attendance
- 10 KP 4-H clubs represented
- 10 Official exhibit and livestock judges
- 10 Exhibit Hall-only exhibitors
- 7 Expo teams working year-round
- 6 Cloverbud age exhibitors (age 5-7)
- 3 4-H horse show exhibitors
- 3 veterinarians checking on our animals
- 1 third annual KP 4-H Barn Dance!

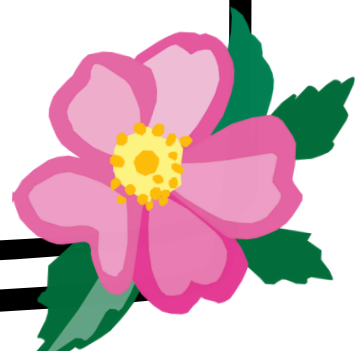


# WITH GRATITUDE

## OUR WARM APPRECIATION FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

- Alaska Meat Packers for your diligence, hard work, and care.
- Amy Whitcomb for the auction day photos.
- Barcstone Photography for the event and auction buyer photos.
- Bobby Fulton for grabbing a pig board and giving us your afternoon.
- Kenai Feed for the Arena shavings.
- Kenai Premier Meats for your accommodations.
- Mina Hayes for handling our admissions table all weekend.
- Odom Corporation for the use of the fridge in our Exhibit Hall.
- Rory Jankowski for the use of the dump trailer.
- Soldotna Chamber of Commerce for including us in the Progress Days fun.
- Soldotna Parks & Rec Crew for the amazing muscle and might.
- Soldotna Equestrian Association for the use of your arena.
- Stark Custom Services for your professionalism.
- The Pizza Box for your generous donation to our Expo pizza party.
- Three Bears for carrying our kids' projects back home safely.
- TRIK for providing the jams at our barn dance.
- Walden Bros for always getting our merch just right and on time.
- Our amazing KP 4-H alumni, parents, grandparents, friends, supporters, and volunteers who give up their time, talent, sweat, and money to support the youth of KP 4-H in their projects, learning, and their annual Ag Expo.

FROM OUR HEARTS, THANK YOU!





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