

Steer goes to State Fair

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Hi! My name is Kelsie Griffith. This was my 6th year to be in 4-H and the beef project. It was the 2nd year I've taken a steer to show at the State Fair. My steer named Joe was the class champion for the lightweight crossbred class at our county fair. He was my favorite steer so I decided not to sell him at the auction so I could take him to Hutchinson and Wichita. My Dad and I left on Thursday night after my volleyball game so we could beat the Friday morning crowd. Friday morning we checked in, set up stalls and weighed in. The

classes are divided by breed and then by weight. The rest of the day we got organized for the show and took some time to relax. Since I wasn't competing in Showmanship, I took a nap in our stall. After Joe was secure in his tie out bed, I decided to make my bed in the lounge chair beside our camper. Saturday morning started early. After we brought Joe back to the barn from tie out, we had to rinse him, comb and blow dry his hair. He had to be groomed for the show as well as fed and watered.

We stood 5th a class of 11. I was happy with the results. After the supplies were put away and Joe had been washed and put back in a clean stall we could all relax a little. Some of my new and old friends played some cards and checked out the rest of the fair. Saturday night is the Grand Gala. They choose the Grand and Reserve Champions for beef, swine and sheep. After the Parade of Champions they serve a big buffet dinner. Sunday is pretty relaxed after the chores are done. We couldn't check out until 4 p.m. so I had time to participate in the Photography Judging Contest and check out more of the fair grounds. Joe has gotten used to all the attention. He gets a little jealous when you work with the other steers. I will be showing Joe one last time at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show in Wichita.



Annette Becker and Tanner Griffith helped tabulate the photography judging contest scores. Many junior leaders are used to help with a lot of youth activities.



Alec Gilgenbach held his "boar" goat. This was the first year for the meat-goat project.

Prairie Dog club members like 4-H

I like 4-H because of the many different projects. Some of my projects are horse, sheep, dog and leather. My favorite project is horse. I also like helping the younger kids with their projects. *Caleb Vanover*

I like 4-h because it is a very fun experience. I also like it because it is challenging and exciting. You get to meet new friends with 4-H. *Megan Wentz*

This year I went to 4-H camp for the first time. I had so much fun. I like the activities I did. The best part was making friends. I can't

wait until I can go as a Junior Counselor. *Kegan Vanover*

I like 4-H because all the projects are fun! Horse is my favorite one. I love the riding. I won a lot of things at the fair. *Dalton Vanover, age 8*

By giving project talks and helping other 4-H members, 4-H is helping me develop by leadership skills. *Lane Vanover, age 10*

4-H is fun! I liked taking my projects to the fair best. *Clay Vanover, age 8*

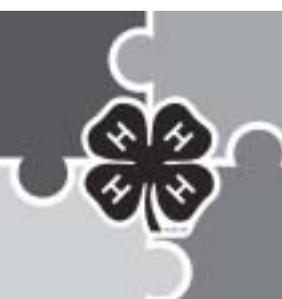
This year I took photography to the fair. I took a picture of my sister Amy, a flower, and my cousin William. I got two blue ribbons and one purple ribbon. I enjoy taking pictures. *Rebecca Wentz*

I like 4-H because it is a good place to learn all the ways to run a meeting. It also gives you a chance to make new friendships and try new challenging things throughout the year. 4-H gives you a lot of new ideas to try something new. 4-H also gives you the confidence you need to succeed with anything you want to accomplish. *Jade, Travis and David Cressler*

4-H exhibits featured at library

In honor of the Kansas 4-H Centennial the library will feature 4-H exhibits and centennial memorabilia as an exhibit the months of October through December. featured projects, look at the variety of exhibits and the displays that have been put together by the 4-H Council, 4-H clubs and the Centennial Committee.

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