



DISPLAYING SOME of their 4-H projects are (l to r) Rachel, Joshua and Caleb Keltz.

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4-H is a family affair

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The Keltz family has been a part of 4-H for many years, starting with both parents, Max and Denise.

Growing up in southeast Kansas in the town of Labette, Mr. Keltz was involved with the Happy Hustler 4-H Club, and Mrs. Keltz (Nelsen) was a part of the Happy Larks 4-H Club in Bird City. Furthermore, she has, hanging on her dining room wall, a shadow box she had made.

This will be the eighth year for Caleb, Joshua, Elizabeth and Rachel with the Bird City Go-Getters.

Many of the projects they enter at the Cheyenne County Fair are woodcrafts, livestock and entomology (bug collection).

Around their home on display are several pieces of wood-working projects — lamps, a crochet set, wooden games, and decorative boxes.

In addition, the Keltz kids do other crafts such as welding. Caleb, the oldest of the siblings, and Joshua are also handy with the welding and have added to the family's collection with garden furniture and art pieces for the flower beds. Caleb has had two wood crafts go to state competition and won a blue ribbon for a lamp and a purple for a dart board in a cabinet.

Elizabeth enjoys making crafts and this year will enter a special "wheat weaving" project. Her great-grandmother, Annabelle Nelsen of Bird City, is a wheat weaver and a few of her works are on display in the Keltz's home.

"I hope to be a parent leader in 4-H," said Elizabeth.

The youngest Keltz, Rachel, enjoys working with animals and sees a future career in the field of animal husbandry.

Mr. Keltz says he has been ribbed about the birthday and anniversary gifts he gives to Denise, such things as skill saws or other power tools.

This year, Caleb, Joshua, Elizabeth and Rachel, will have livestock entries at the Cheyenne County Fair to include swine and lambs along with their crafts.



ELIZABETH KELTZ shows off some of the wheat weaving done by her grandmother.



TAKING CARE OF THEIR GARDEN are Ivan Kemp, left, and Joseph Augusta.

Gardening project is work

For brothers, Ivan Kemp and Joseph Augusta, it is their first year in the Bird City 4-H Club, the Go-Getters, and their first county fair competition.

They have lived in the northwest corner of Kansas for 3 years, having moved with their grandparents, Brad and Linda Schneider, from Phoenix, Ariz.

Joseph is a tag-along to his older brother, Ivan, and both do a lot of gardening work with

hoeing and weeding. The garden, which is located in their family's backyard, is about a half an acre and grows a variety of vegetables including squashes, cucumbers and peppers and a lot of cabbage that were given to them from the Keltz family.

For the Cheyenne County Fair, they have entered in the gardening, horticulture and BB-shotgun competition.



CATELIN ISLEY demonstrated how her horse worked at a recent Go-Getters 4-H Club meeting.