

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club

Lawn Ridge 4-H Club had nine members for the 2008-2009 year. Officers this year were Taylor Archibald, president; Caitlin Northrup, vice president; Dale Harley Northrup, secretary; Ally Northrup, treasurer; Bailey Merklin, reporter; Tristan Archer and Val Wurm, historians; Dale Northrup, parliamentarian; Caitlin and Ally Northrup, council representatives. Every member took a turn being recreation and song leaders. Penny Archibald and Aimee Northrup were the club leaders.

October found the club participating in many 4-H Weeks activities. They attended the United Methodist church, delivered cookies to businesses and made a display in a business window promoting 4-H. All of these activities led them into the month of November. The month started with the county achievement banquet where all members were recognized for their hard work throughout the year. It ended with tagging Christmas trees with safety information and they also entered a float in the Christmas Light Parade.

The members had a Christmas "Treasure Hunt" where members were divided into groups and found items around town, followed by a holiday meal and gift exchange. January found the club traveling to Manhattan for "ADay with the Cats."

Gearing up for 4-H Days is what kept members busy in the month of February. They received the Maurice Blume Award for having at least 80 percent of the members participate in 4-H Days. Several members presented talks, demonstrations and participated in Life Skill Judging and the Favorite Food Show.

In March, the club met in Kearney, Neb., to have a club exchange with the Kensington Busy Bees. Members colored Easter Pictures in the month of April that were hung on doors at the hospital and Good Samaritan Village.

Members were busy in May with the Spring Livestock Show and it was Parents Night where the 4-H'ers get to watch their parents run a meeting.

June was filled with getting projects done and ready for the fair. The club members also participated in the Relay For Life event.

In July, they traveled to everyone's home for the club tour. Also, in July, they sold window paintings promoting the fair to businesses in



LAWN RIDGE — Back row: (l to r) Bailey Merklin, Taylor Archibald, Dale Northrup, Caitlin Northrup, Tristan Archer; front row: Kattie Wurm, Allyson Northrup and Valerie Wurm.

the county.

August was fair week and all members did very well in all of their projects, several being able to advance on to the state fair held in September. After they helped with fair cleanup, members and parents went to Denver where they had the After Fair Fun at Elitch Gardens. The year ended with the club banquet, election of officers and turning in record books. Throughout the year, members also gave project talks, demonstrations, sang songs and played games at all of the meetings.

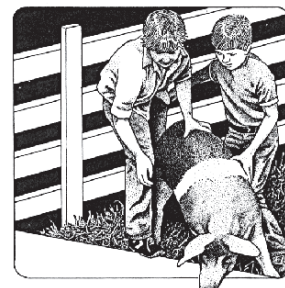
Being in 4-H is a lot of fun and a very rewarding experience for children and adults, too. As we look forward to a new year, we would like to invite anyone that is interested in joining 4-H to come check out our club where we make the best better.

For more information about 4-H, contact the county extension office at 785-332-3171. The success of our club and all of 4-H wouldn't be

possible without the support of the local busi- nesses, individuals, fair board and the Extension of- fice personnel. So, Lawn Ridge 4-H Club would like to give all of you a big "Thank you."

4-Hers you've earned our support

4-H projects are just a part of it all. What they learn about working with others, striving to reach a goal, making decisions and caring about things not only builds character in them, it provides a strong foundation upon which to build a community.



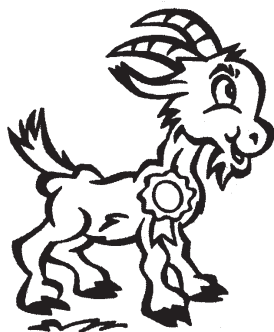
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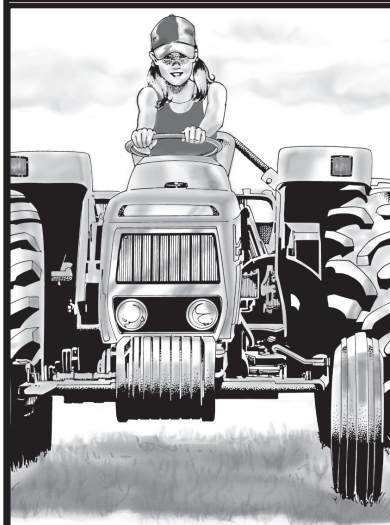
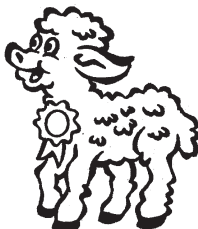
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