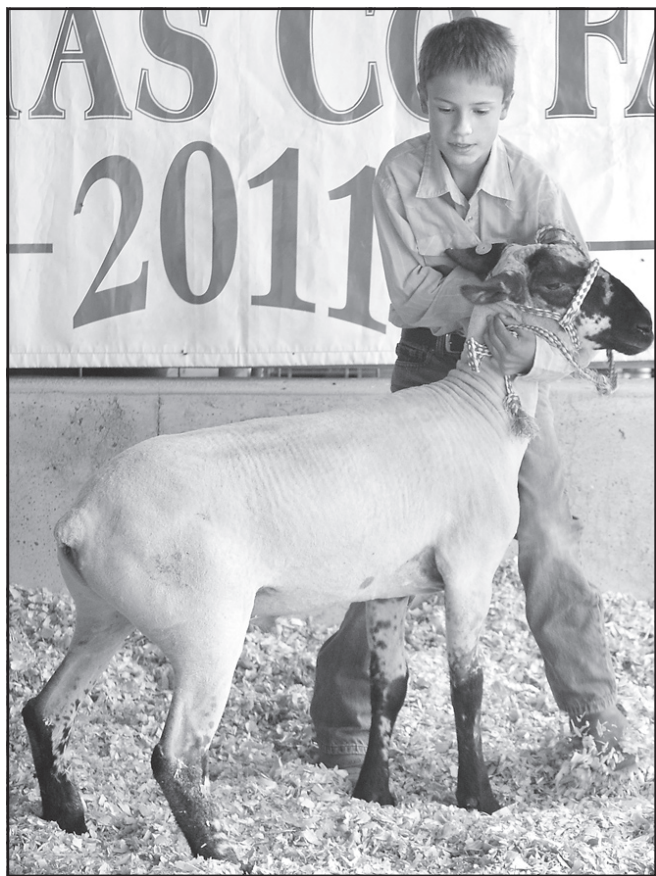




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Kurt Sloan (above) wrestled his lamb into a pose for a photograph after auctioning it off at the 4-H Livestock Auction on Thursday. This pygmy goat (right) eagerly awaited his turn in the goat show Wednesday morning.

Fair events include auction and shows



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Thomas County Community Foundation board members Marla Crumrine, Ranell Lunsway and administrative assistant Shelly Myers (above) served attorney Todd Stramel and his daughters at the Fair Breakfast on Thursday. There were more than 55 entries in the Thomas County Fair Parade (right), including this tractor entered by Colby Implement. A cowboy (below) tied up his calf after roping it at the rodeo Monday.

Thomas County 4-Hers sold 146 animals and earned a total of \$217,109 at the livestock auction on Thursday.

Some of the auctioned livestock are headed for other shows such as the Tri-State Royal before their new owners can take possession.

Ninety of Thomas County's 120 4-Hers brought animals to the fair this year. One hundred grand champion awards were given

out. This year, the 4-H Council chose custom-print sweatpants as the grand champion prize. The prizes, sponsored by local business and individuals, are handed out at the 4-H banquet in the fall.

The fair included other events such as the rodeo and mutton bustin' early in the week and the F&M Insurance Summer Shootout races Friday and Saturday.



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