

Sherman County Spring Bonanza

4-H spring animal show gets kids, animals ready

Sherman County 4-H members showed off beef, sheep, hogs and goats they are preparing for the fair season at the annual Spring Livestock Show on Saturday, May 10, at the county fairgrounds.

Dana Belshe, county agent for the Sunflower Extension District, said the spring show has been going on for more than 25 years, with committee chaired this year by Marsha Schilling in charge.

He said the show encourages kids to get their animals out and ready for the summer. Similar spring shows are held all over the state, some going into June.

The beef section is part of a circuit sponsored by the Kansas Club Calf Association and kids gain points by entering, Belshe said. The association has an awards program at the end of the season.

Belshe said this was the second year for the goats in the spring show, noting that the meat goat project has taken off around the state in the past couple of years.

At the show from Sherman County were Clay Schilling, Kayler Rietcheck, Jason Cowan, Lacie Cowan, Garrett Nemechek, Jamie and Parker Nemechek, Parke, Powell and Peyton Sieck, Layne Goodwin, Sydney Winston, Evan Peter, Witton Peter Josh Dorn, Tyler and Tanner Gastineau, Michael Johnson, Kathy Wood, Saige Vandiver and Kate Zelfer.

Results included:

Beef Showmanship: Senior Grand, Clay Schilling, Sherman; Senior Reserve, Kayler Rietcheck, Sherman; Intermediate Grand, Laura Brunk, Cheyenne; Intermediate Reserve, Cody Faulkender, Logan; Junior Grand, Macoy Rains, Logan.; Junior Reserve, McKellen Rains, Logan.

County Heifer: Grand, Schilling; Reserve, Rietcheck.

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County Steer: Grand, Schilling; Reserve, Rietcheck.

Prospect Steer: Grand, Cody Faulkender; Reserve, Rietcheck.

Swine Showmanship: Senior Grand, Dakota Reiss, Wallace; Senior Reserve, Case Rundel, Thomas; Intermediate Grand, Lane Perry, Wallace; Intermediate Reserve, Lacie Cowan, Sherman; Junior Grand, Chisum Grund, Wallace; Junior Reserve, Grady Hammer, Wallace.

County Swine: Grand, Jason Cowan, Sherman; Reserve, Lacie Cowan

Prospect Swine: Grand, Garrett Reiss, Wallace; Reserve, Zachary Hornung, Kit Carson, Colo.

Sheep Showmanship: Senior Grand, Kyle Gaston, Red Willow, Neb.; Intermediate Grand, Garrett Nemechek, Sherman; Junior Grand, Greg Gaston, Red Willow; Junior Reserve, Jamie Nemechek, Sherman.

County Sheep: Grand, Jamie Nemechek; Reserve, Parker Nemechek, Sherman.

Prospect Sheep: Grand, Gaston, Red Willow; Reserve, Gaston.

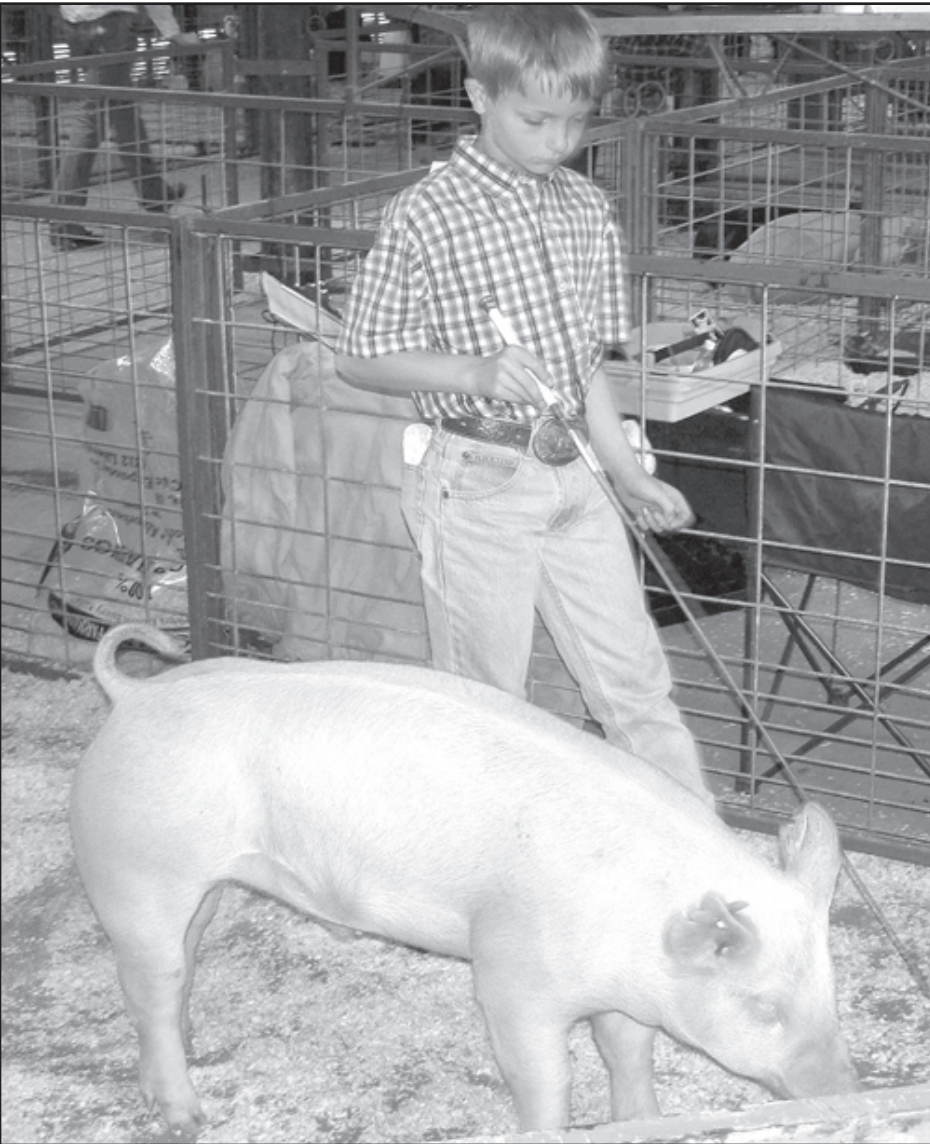
Goat Showmanship: Senior Grand, Sydney Winston, Sherman; Senior Reserve, Jason Cowan; Intermediate Grand, Lacie Cowan; Intermediate Reserve, Mack Alspaugh, Red Willow; Junior Grand, Aaron Coash, Harvey; Junior Reserve, Layne Goodwin, Sherman.

County Goat: Grand, Reserve, Winston

Prospect Meat Goat: Grand, Reserve, Winston



The sheep seemed to complain as Penny Nemechek sheared the back legs as son, Parker, tried to calm the animal. The sheep was being prepared to be shown at the Sherman County Spring Bonanza. Parker won reserve championship in the county sheep division. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Hogs were brought out by classes, and were held in a separate pen where the kids had to keep them under control before they were herded into the show arena. This pig was one of several brought to the show from Wallace County.



Senior Grand Chamption in beef showmanship at the spring show was Clay Schilling (above right) of Edson. He won the grand champion for county heifer and county steer.

Photo by Dana Belshe Sunflower Extension District



Two hogs seemed to be checking each other out as they were walked around the arena by their owners under the watchful eye of the judge.