



# Welcome to the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Aug. 1-6



Chelsie Gausman (above) gave commands to her dog Emmie as she practiced for the dog show at the fair to be held on Saturday. See story, photos on Page 8. Paige Phillips (right) demonstrated how her mushrooms will look when she finishes the project. They will be used as lawn ornaments or in the garden. Story, photos on Page 2. Taolor Freeman (far right) drained a water hose after filling the water trough for he and his brother's pigs. Story, photos on Page 5,



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# 4-Hers learn skills, have projects judged

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Where can you learn to train a dog, show a pig, cook, make arts and crafts and work with wood? 4-H provides all that and opportunities to go camping, fishing and skiing, to perform on stage and to have your work judged.

Paige Phillips, 10, and her cousin Shyanne Austin, 9, have kept busy in 4-H while school is out and have learned skills they can use for life. They have been on ski trips with their club, Beaver Valley, gone to fishing clinics and participated in the bike rodeo.

Competing in 4-H Days and performing at Talent Night is an annual highlight.

Phillips has been in 4-H for four years and is the club's reporter. This year, she is doing projects for arts and crafts, wood working and food and has two dogs and a pig, Lilly. Austin is in her first year and is doing arts and crafts and has a pig, Peanut.

In her years in 4-H, Phillips has learned to cook, has made a cutting board her mother Lori Phillips uses all the time, has made a stepping stone to adorn their yard and trained her dogs,

Jessie, a schnauzer, and Buddy, a Shih Tzu.

She earned a state fair blue ribbon at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair for a candy jar made from painted clay pots when she was seven but didn't get to go to the state fair because only those age 10 and over can go.

Besides gaining skills and making memories, Phillips has a picture frame decorated with cut glass, a beaded keychain, a painted vase, a bird house and cooking skills to show for her years in 4-H. She has raised money selling a pig to help pay for 4-H camp in Rock Springs, did a project talk on her candy jar at 4-H Days and played piano at Talent Night.

She's adding large red mushrooms for the garden and either a duck made out of tennis balls or a dog made from clay pots when she completes this year's crafts.

Austin is working on a stepping stone and a calendar for arts and crafts. Pictures on the calendar include decals and cut-outs, drawings and her name in cursive with its mir-

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Paige Phillips watched the pigs climb out of the mud as Andrea Roeder sprayed them with water. Paige and her cousin Shyanne Austin keep their pigs at the Roeders' house, where they go for day care.

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Shyanne Austin showed off the stepping stone she is working on for one of her 4-H projects for fair.

# Arts, crafts 4-H projects

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ror image below.

She is only doing arts and crafts and swine projects. Lori Phillips said she only wanted Shyanne to do two projects her first year. Paige had too many one year, Lori said.

Paige said she learned to cook from 4-H, taking cooking classes on Wednesdays; this is her second year. She has made meals in class, including pizza and meat loaf, homemade ice cream, bread and pretzels from scratch, cookies and churned butter.

The dogs are Phillips' favorite project, one she has worked with three years; this year, she is having Jessie perform in agility and Buddy in showmanship and obedience.

Both girls seem to enjoy their pigs but have discovered things change from year to year. This year, Lori Phillips said, they treat the pigs to marshmallows and Oreos because they aren't gaining weight like they should because it's too hot. Last year, she said, there was a diet pen and an OK pen.

They keep the pigs at Rod and Kim Roeder's house near the airport, a location that works well because the

girls go there for daycare.

Paige's sister Chelsea, 5, likes to help feed and take care of the pigs and attends 4-H meetings even though she isn't a member yet.

The family helped sell fruit to raise money for the club's ski trip and went skiing near Boulder. Everyone chips in and brings goodies to munch on, Lori said.

The adults sat in the lodge eating junk food and watching movies, the girls said, though Lori insisted that wasn't all they did. Chelsea wasn't sure she liked skiing, Lori said, but she liked the escalator (ski lift).

When Paige went to the four-day camp at the Rock Springs 4-H Center in the Flint Hills, she got to do arts and crafts and wood working and go canoeing, hiking, swimming and horseback riding.

The family participated in the club tour and pot luck Sunday, July 17, and their club is decorating a hay bale for the 4-H centennial. The club whose bale wins will decorate one at the state fair, Lori said.

Lori works for her father; she is a nurse at Dr. Kenneth Austin's clinic.

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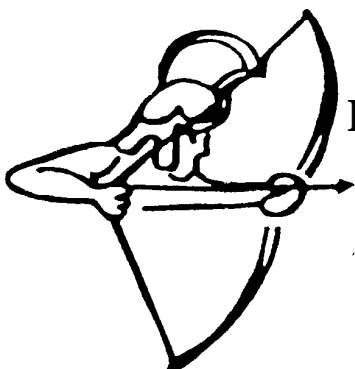
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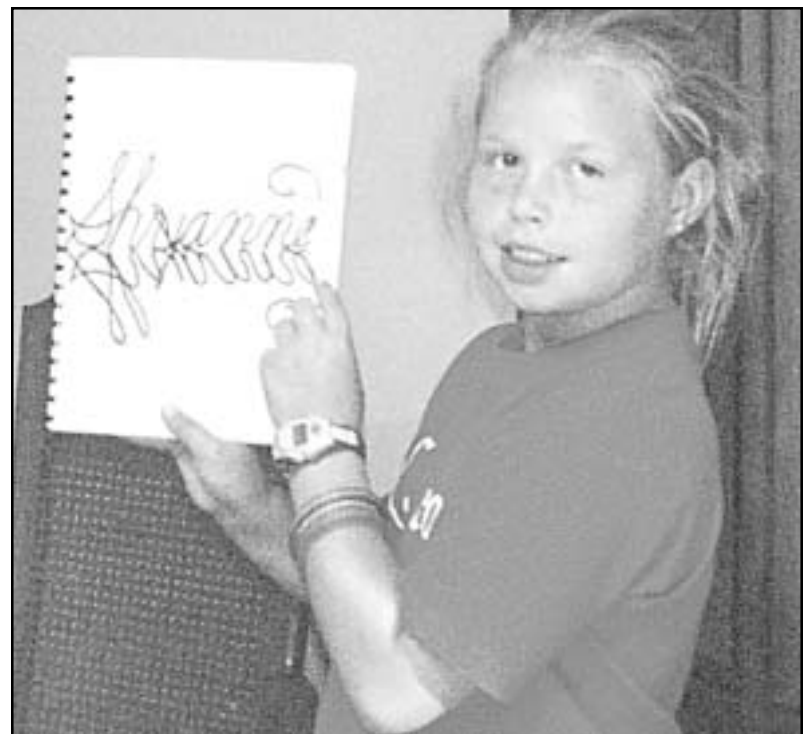
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Paige Phillips petted her pig Lilly after she crawled out of the mud at Rod and Kim Roeder's house.



Shyanne Austin showed the page in her calendar with her name on it. The calendar is one of her 4-H projects.

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Her husband David is a sprayer for Hawkeye Spraying.

They lived in Australia for five years, returning to Goodland in 1997. They lived in a rural community, 35 miles out of town, in western Australia

and had sheep and sheep dogs. They had a fencing (building fences) business and an exterminating business. Paige was born in Australia.

Shyanne is the daughter of Craig Austin, Lori's brother, who just moved back to Goodland. He works at Adronics.

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Mikail Freeman and his dog Lucky are ready for the dog show on Saturday at the fairgrounds.

# Brothers handle pigs, dogs, photos

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

Normally the older brother leads and the younger brother follows, but in the case of these two brothers it worked in reverse.

Mikail Freeman, 11, the younger son of Adam and Tammy Freeman, 1525 Wyoming, became a 4-Her three years ago with a swine project. He added dog obedience and showmanship the second year.

Lucky, his Border collie mix, has done well for the past two years, and the duo won Reserve Champion Showmanship at the fair last year.

"It was hard to believe the two of them could get through it," said Tammy. "It was amazing how well the dog performed."

Sitting on the floor of their home Mikail said his dog Lucky is somewhat shy, and it took quite a bit of coaxing to get the dog out of his hid-

ing place behind a chair. When he did come out it was not for long, but it was enough to get a photo or two.

Older brother, Taolor, 14, followed his younger brother into 4-H two years ago and has a swine project and is in photography.

In photography Taolor is getting his entries ready for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair at the beginning of August.

Last year one of his photos went to the Kansas State Fair and he got a red ribbon.

He has entered photos in both black and white and color categories.

"Color is easier," Taolor said, "but black and white is fun."

For equipment Taolor has a Canon EDS Rebel 2000 with a 28-80 zoom lens.

"I like to shoot flowers," he said,

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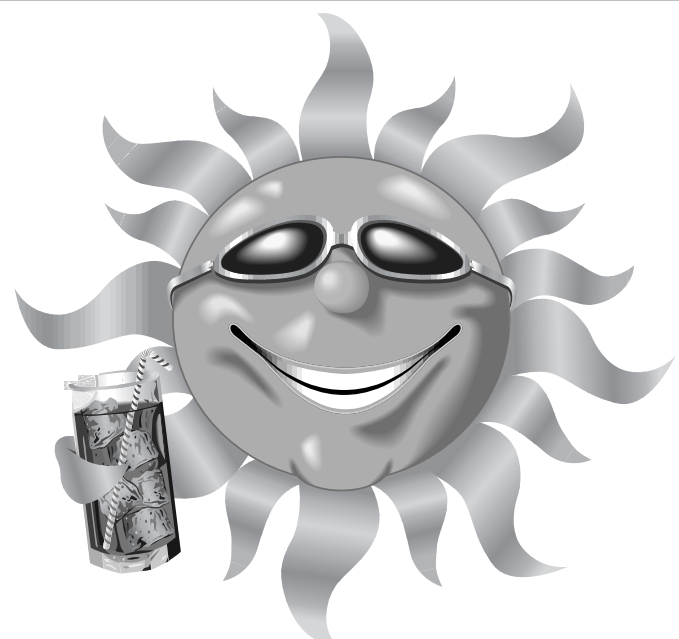
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# Lion photo got him started in photography

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"and this year I have been shooting people and cars.

He and Mikail were bouncing a small ball back and forth, and Taolor took photos of his brother and his dog at the same time his photo was being taken. Taolor turned the camera to get a photo of another person taking his photo.

"I took a class at Carnegie Art Center and took a photo of one of the lions on the fountain at Chambers Park. I got a blue ribbon in the open class on that photo. That got me started."

Mikail will be in sixth grade this year. He hasn't made any decisions about what he wants to do after school, but thinks he has some time to explore options before he has to decide.

Taolor will be a new freshman at Goodland High School. Taolor said he plans to go to college after high school, and wants to major in a science or biology field or possibly in computers. He plans to continue the photography and wants that to be a minor.

The brothers are members of the

Glendale Livewires. Taolor is the secretary of the 4-H council, and he is a Junior Leader.

Mikail likes to play baseball, football and wrestling. He took shooting as a project this year and learned to shoot properly and the shooting positions. He is in Boy Scouts and is a First Class. He is involved in the Awanas youth church program at the Goodland Bible Baptist Church.

A Life member of Scouts, Taolor is already planning for his Eagle Scout project. He wants to see more benches at Chambers Park, and wants to help get the fountain running again. He plans to go out for football this fall. He has tried football, basketball, golf, wrestling and track at Grant Junior High. He is involved in the youth group at Sonrise Christian Church.

The brothers work together at the secluded spot west of town where the pigs are, and they make sure there is enough water and food for the pigs. The pigs are sprayed to reduce the insect problems, and they have a good

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Taolor Freeman checked his Canon camera before taking a picture of his brother and his dog Lucky.



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