



LAST TUESDAY MORNING, Kiah Blau, with the Sappa Valley 4-H Club, looked over the Garfield apron Kiah had made for the fashion revue. Judge Susan Knodel showed her the contents of her sewing basket after she had

# Kids model clothes to win fair ribbons

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The Decatur County Fair kicked off last Tuesday with sewing boxes, skirts, pants, capris and aprons at the 4-H Fashion Revue at the United Methodist Church.

There were two sections. In buymanship, a 4-H member goes out and buys clothes and then models them for a judge and answers questions. In sewing, members make the clothes, model them and talk with the judge about sewing techniques.

Members in the buymanship section were in the basement of the church, nervously waiting for the judge to finish so they could model.

Jacob Larue, with the Stick-to-It Club, was wearing black pants with black boots, a long-sleeve shirt with purple snaps and a wide-brimmed white cowboy hat.

The judge asked Jacob where he planned on wearing the outfit. He said he will wear it to church and when he gets older, to the shop.

Both the shirt and the pants, said Jacob, need to be washed in cold water and possibly ironed.

Next was Dakota Soderlund with a blue Hawaiian shirt with a white T-shirt underneath, khaki pants and brown shoes. Dakota, a member of the Stick-to-It club, walked a pattern as Marianne Larue described his

outfit. The judge told Dakota that he looked sharp and asked what his favorite part of the outfit was. Dakota said it is his shirt.

She asked how he plans on taking care of it. Dakota said he would wash the shirt in cool water on the gentle cycle and the pants and T-shirt in warm water. He said he planned on wearing the outfit to church, school and special occasions.

Upstairs, Judge Susan Knodel of Idalia, Colo., asked Kiah Blau from the Sappa Valley Club about the construction of her Garfield apron. Kiah said this was her first year of sewing.

Mrs. Knodel told her she did an awesome job. The two talked about sewing techniques and Mrs. Knodel gave Kiah a few tips, including how to get the apron ties on the back ironed straight.

Kiah had brought her sewing box along, decorated in red, white and blue. The judge asked her what was inside and she took out a pin cushion, pencil sharpener, thimble, seam ripper, tape measure, needles and scissors.

Next it was Rebecca Helm's turn, with a yellow skirt and shirt with blue flowers. A member of Star Valley Club, she started to sew the

outfit on Saturday. She said she likes to sew, but doesn't like to cut out the pattern. The top was lined.

Mrs. Knodel said that after she washes it, she may want to go through and clip the loose threads. Rebecca also made pajamas, shorts, a top, skirt and short-sleeved shirt.

There were seven kids who made their own and 14 who chose buymanship in the revue. The 4-H members were to find out how they placed on the first day of fair.

A public fashion revue will be at 5:30 p.m. on Friday at The Gateway.



WITH BOTHEARS OPEN, Rebecca Helm (above), with the Star Valley 4-H Club, listened carefully as Judge Susan Knodel gave pointers about her homemade outfit.



WITH HELP FROM HER MOM, Susan Nelson, (far left), Makenzie Nelson of the Stick-to-It 4-H Club, prepared to show off her outfit. Downstairs, Jacob Helm from the Star Valley club (left) waited to model his clothes in the buymanship class.

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