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PRICE DROP!
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PRICE DROP!
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29706 Bueltmann Road, Jonesburg
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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 7-12, 2024

My Goat Story

Lukas Oliver, Coon Creek Cronies

My name is Lukas Oliver and this is my sixth year in 4-H and my third year doing market goats. In the last three years, I've been lucky enough to do well in the show ring at the fair and grow as a showman.

My first year showing goats my brother and I bought some nanny goats from the sale barn in December 2021. We didn't know that they were pregnant. One January night, we came home to what we thought was a shadow of a goat, but to our surprise it was a baby black goat! We named her Shadow. A week later, I went out to check on the goats and opened the door to their shelter and there was a little red goat that was just minutes old laying next to his mom. That's when my love for goats started!

That little red goat I named Teddy and he was the most interesting goat always escaping his pen and I would sometimes sneak him into the house to watch TV. My mom couldn't bring in the groceries without him following her right in! Teaching him how to walk on a halter was pretty easy as we spent a lot of time together and since I was calm, so was he in the ring. Even my sister could walk him around. Teddy won Grand Champion at the fair that year in the Market Goat division.

The next year, we researched different breeders and chose a couple of goats that were more on the show style that we wanted to try. The Boer goats we decided on were Double Stuff, Vincent Van Goat and Baaab "Bob." Vincent was my main goat that I chose to work with to show. Goats have a unique personality and act a lot like a dog. I was able to teach Vincent how to stand and shake, which isn't necessarily what you want when you're showing, but it's a part that I love about having goats. That year, I placed well at county and also showed at the state level where I was able to see how other showmen used different techniques and also what feed works best for optimal results in a market show.

Using what we learned our first two years of showing, we chose to stick with a market style goat which tends to grow better with rate of gain based on genetics and feed quality. Choosing a market style animal also tends to have a better overall carcass value which in turns means more marbling and higher meat quality. Knowing what I learned the last two years, this year I went with a market Boer goat that I named Bo. Just like Teddy, he had a personality that I just really enjoyed getting to know the last several months and pretty easy to show. He showed so well that my sister who is 5 was able to show him at the open show at the fair.

I worked a lot with our feed dealer on the type of feed and calculated the daily rations as I had a goal of doing well with both the ultrasound and rate of gain which Bo was lucky enough to win and helped him to win overall Grand Champion at the fair. I've learned a lot through this process about how nutrition and feed quality along with genetics can really make a difference in your market animal. I've really enjoyed the last three years showing, the friendships I've made in the goat barn and the experience even in the challenges and I intend to keep doing it and sharing what I've learned with others.

My Rabbit Project

Finley Deeker, Bellflower Boosters

Hello, my name is Finley Autumn Deeker. I am a member of the Bellflower Boosters 4-H Club. I have been a member for two years. My projects this year include rabbit, floriculture and cake decorating. Today, I am going to talk to you about my rabbit project. I feed my rabbits every day. I also watered my rabbit every day. I played with my rabbit every day for one hour. I held them every day for a while to get them used to me.

Arts & Crafts

Kendra Stille, Kountry Kids

This year, I enrolled in arts and crafts for the fourth time since I started 4-H. I decided to make a terra cotta pot lighthouse and macramé leaves. I learned how to spray paint pots and untangle macramé string with a metal comb. For my painting, I learned how to use painters tape to make straight lines. My lighthouse went to the state fair and both my macramé leaves and painting got blue ribbons at the county fair. I already have a few ideas for next year and I'm excited to enroll in arts and crafts again.

Dogs

Ella Hans, Kountry Kids

This is my second year in 4-H. I chose dogs as one of my projects this year. What I did for dogs was I made dog treats and a poster about different jobs dogs do. For example, there are service dogs, hunting dogs and therapy dogs. Making that poster was fun. I am going to do dogs next year, too!

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Bucket calves

Ezra Birt, Montgomery Progressors

One Saturday we were looking for bucket calves and we found a two-day old calf, so we went and got her for 300 dollars. Mom and dad also bought her sister. We went out and fed them two times a day from their bottles and we got the milk from our milk cow. We started giving them calf grain first in March, but when we stopped giving them calf grain and my calf Cinnamon grew up, it turned out she didn't get enough grain when she was a calf because she didn't get enough to help her stomach to develop very well. But luckily it's not so bad we had to get her to the vet. So I learned you need to give them a lot of calf grain. So if we ever get another bucket calf, I will remember to give them enough calf grain.

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Shooting Sports

William Matthews, Bellflower Boosters

My name is William Matthews. This is my first year in 4-H. I am a member of the Bellflower Boosters 4-H Club. For my shooting 1 project, my goal was to hit a bullseye and I accomplished this goal.

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Jett Beattie of the Big Spring Busy Beavers shows off his rabbit.

My 4-H Year

Jett Beattie, Big Spring Busy Beavers

Hi my name is Jett Beattie and this is my fourth year in 4-H. This year, I did projects in engineering, foods, rabbits, floriculture, shooting sports and photography. This year, I built a replica of the Golden Gate bridge and I did an experiment to see which type of bridges hold the most weight. I loved these projects because they taught me about engineering and how parts of a structure affect the bridge's strength. Shooting sports is fun. We get to shoot at a target from a distance and use different types of sights. The last time we met I got three bullseyes! I like taking care of the rabbits throughout the year. We have had multiple rounds of babies, that's my favorite part.

Beef

Ella Hans, Kountry Kids

This is my second year in 4-H. I chose beef as one of my projects. In November, my dad helped me pick out two steers from our herd. We started working with them right away and then soon it was fair time. It was fun because my steer walked so good. Next year, I am going to choose beef as one of my projects again!



Miles Beattie of the Big Spring Busy Beavers adds zest to a recipe.

My First Year in 4-H

Miles Beattie, Big Spring Busy Beavers

Hi, my name is Miles Beattie and this is my first year in 4-H. This year, I did projects in gardening, foods, rabbits, archery and exploring 4-H. This year for one of my projects I grew and canned pickles. They were very yummy. I made a blackberry pie. I put sugar and cinnamon on the top to make it sweeter and to make it look amazing I cut the top crust out in stars. In archery, at practice we shoot targets and then we get to shoot 3-D animals. When I picked the pig I couldn't bring home the bacon. I got to finally be big enough to take my rabbit to the fair this year. The fair is my favorite part of 4-H.

Raising Twin Lambs

Kynsley Groeber, Montgomery Progressors

Raising twin lambs has taught me a lot of cool things! I learned that taking care of two lambs means making sure they both get enough food and attention. Sometimes, one lamb might need more help or be a bit different from the other, so I had to pay close attention to both of them. I also found out that they love playing together and need a lot of space to run around. I had to make sure they each had their own spot to eat and sleep so they wouldn't fight. Overall, taking care of twin lambs showed me how important it is to be fair and caring to both of them, and it was a lot of fun watching them grow together. Their names were Morgan and Wallen.



Cohen Beattie of the Big Spring Busy Beavers works on beekeeping.

My Sixth Year in 4-H

Cohen Beattie, Big Spring Busy Beavers

Hi my name is Cohen Beattie and this is my sixth year in 4-H. This year I did projects in foods, beekeeping, rabbits and photography. I keep bees at my house and on a local property for someone else. Beekeeping isn't for everyone. You have to deal with stings, angry bees trying to swarm you and problems with the hive. However, it is really cool. I like getting to see all the unique things they do like swarming the queen to keep her warm and safe or creating a brand new queen because they don't think theirs is doing a good enough job. I worked really hard with our rabbits this year to get breeding going well for us. We were able to give multiple families rabbits for the fair this year and that was really cool.

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Blake Ridgley of the Kountry Kids builds a boot jack for a woodworking exhibit.

My Woodworking Project

Blake Ridgley, Kountry Kids

We picked out the wood I used. Then I sanded it and I cut my circle hole I used a hole saw for. Then we drew the lines so I could use the jigsaw and I sanded again. Then we stained half of the board and then the next day after I stained it we let it dry and I did both sides at the same time and let it dry and then you are done.

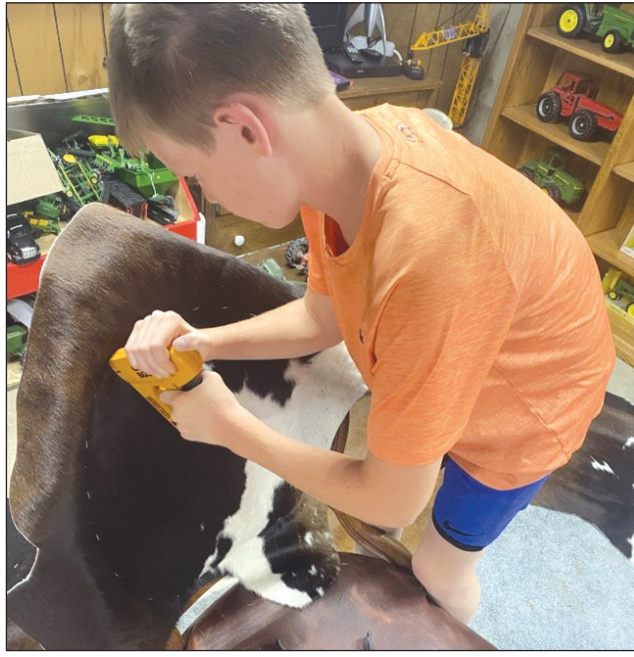


Carl Smith of the Montgomery Progressors does some Dutch Oven cooking at the Montgomery County Old Threshers.

Scratch Programming

Carl Smith, Montgomery Progressors

This was my second year in Scratch Programming. I made a color sorting activity, a game called "Avoid the Lasers" and a Simon Says type of game. It took me around five hours to complete the Simon Says game. I also made a better version of what I did last year. I was able to show my club what I had done using the big Promethean board they have at the library. I love to code because it comes pretty naturally to me. I hope to go to college to become a video game coder.



Keane Ridgley of the Kountry Kids is working on the chair he reupholstered as an arts and crafts project.

Arts and Crafts

Keane Ridgley, Jonesburg Kountry Kids

This year was my first year in the Arts and Crafts project group. I decided to join this group because I thought it would be fun, and we would do several fun projects.

This year my projects included reupholstering a chair, making a toiletry bag and making a stepping stone.

I found my chair at a secondhand shop. When I found it, I really did not like the cover on it, so I decided to cover it with nice leather. First, I had to pull all the old fabric off the chair and I pulled all the old staples and nails out too. I cleaned up the wood to make it shine. We decided to add a piece of cushion for reinforcement. After that we decided to pick out matching leather and cowhide fur pieces. Next, I stapled the large leather pieces onto the chair before trimming with a razor blade down to the size needed. Last I had to install the trim over the seams, and I did that by nailing upholstery nails over it. This was harder than I expected because the nails are round and the hammer is flat. I had to make sure the nails were evenly spaced also, so it looked nice. It is not perfect but I am proud of what I did with it.

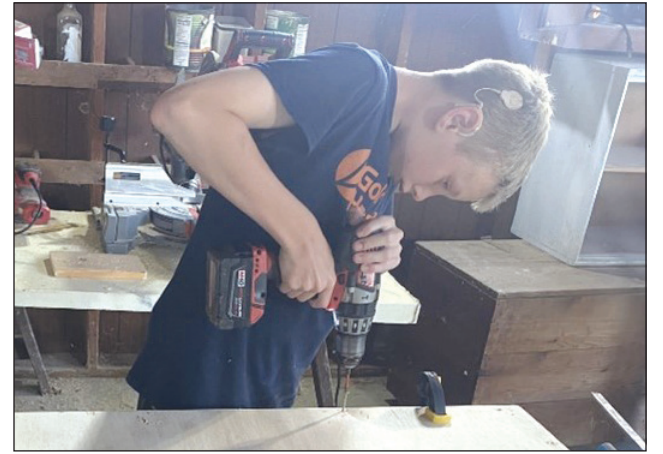
I found the toiletry bag at a store and decided to add a leather patch with my name on it. I cut a piece of leather the size of one side. Then I tooled the leather using stamps and I drew a hog on it. Once the leather patch was done, I sewed it onto the toiletry bag. This was hard also because of the small corners. Last I put some leather pulls on the zippers to make it easier to pull the zipper shut. My favorite part of this project was drawing the pig on my leather patch.

The stepping stone kit came from Michael's store. I decided it would be neat to design mine like a tractor. First, I laid the stones out on a sheet of paper like I wanted it on the stone. Then we mixed the concrete mix and placed the stones in the wet concrete. We had let it sit for a day to dry and then 3 days to cure. I had fun designing my tractor design.

My Chickens

Waylon Deeker, Bellflower Boosters

Hello, my name is Waylon Deeker. This is my fourth year in 4-H and my projects include poultry, woodworking and shooting sports. This year, I showed chickens at the Montgomery County Fair. When I got the chicks, they were the size of a small tennis ball. I had to give them fresh feed so that they would keep growing. Once we brought them to the fair everyday, I had to feed them water and make sure they weren't too hot because if they got too hot, then they might die and then I couldn't show them and sell them at the fair.



August Ridgley of the Kountry Kids works on his corn hole board to exhibit at the fair.

Woodworking

August Ridgley, Jonesburg Kountry Kids

This year I decided to do woodworking again. This is my second year in this project group. My projects included a stage coach lamp, corn hole board games and a boot jack.

I got a stagecoach lamp kit for Christmas. All the pieces were wooden, except the wheels. I had to measure all the wood and put the lamp together piece by piece. It was very confusing because all the pieces looked the same. There were a lot of steps and instructions to follow. This project took a very long time to get done. We would glue a few pieces at a time then come back a couple hours later to glue a few more pieces. After it was done I really liked how it looked. I used it in my room.

I built a set of cornhole boards to use when friends come over or for family gatherings. My mom helped me cut the board to size and then we screwed them all together to make the boards. A hard part of this project was painting and the plywood wanted to split when we cut it so we had to use some wood filler. After painting we went to the library to use the cricut to make a cool design on each board. I chose to do cowboys on one and plowboys on the other one. I like how these boards turned out. I think they will be a lot of fun. We bought the bags for the game at TJ Maxx.

My last project was bootjack. We had a scrap piece of oak in the barn which we cut down to size. This was a quicker project than the others. I used a jigsaw to cut the area the boot goes into. I liked hammering the leather patch into a design. Next year, I plan to do woodworking again.

Breads

Lilly Schutt, Big Spring Busy Beavers

For my other project for 4-H, I made three types of bread. I made a zucchini cheese bread, a white bread and a banana bread without nuts. I like to bake with my grandma and she has taught me to bake bread, cookies, pizza dough and pizza. I spent five hours at my grandma's house making the breads. I started with the white bread because it needed to rise. We put it on her inside porch to rise while we made the other breads. The next bread I made was the zucchini cheese bread. Then, we made the banana bread. We cooked them at 350 and 375 degrees.

The only thing my grandma helped me with was putting them in the oven and taking them out of the oven. I was able to measure all of the ingredients and make the dough. My favorite bread was banana bread without nuts. I never made a white bread or zucchini cheese bread, but had fun making them, too. My family got to try the banana and the white bread and they loved them. I got ribbons for my breads, but I made a mistake that I will fix for next year. I didn't have them on plates when they needed to be. I want to make bread again next year but probably a different kind.

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Emma Vomund of the Bellflower Boosters decorates a cake.

Cake Decorating

Emma Vomund, Bellflower Boosters

My name is Emma Vomund. I am 9 years old. It is my second year as a member of the Bellflower Boosters 4-H club. This year, my projects are Swine I, Cake Decorating I, Foods I and Woodworking I. I decided to take Cake Decorating this year to learn how to decorate cakes and cookies. It looks like so much fun when my mom does it!

At my project meetings I learned a lot of basic skills like how to bake a cake and cupcakes, how to make and color icing, what the different decorating tips are for, how to write with icing and how to make borders on cakes.

For my project exhibits at the county fair, I made pig cake and a crab cake. I learned that it takes a lot of practice to get the decorations to look the way you want and the summer heat makes cake decorations melt.

I am happy I can continue to practice decorations and learn how to do different decorations.

Second Year in 4-H

Keagan Rakers, Montgomery Progressors

This is my second year with the 4-H Montgomery Progressors. This is the second year I showed a rabbit in 4-H. I enjoyed showing a rabbit in the fair and gaining more knowledge about my rabbit. I enjoyed sewing other 4-H kids at the fair and making new memories.

Missouri State Fair 4-H and FFA Horse Show

Avery Ridgley, Kountry Kids

I have had the opportunity to show at the Missouri State Fair 4-H and FFA Horse Show for the past four years. Every year, I have shown a different horse. This has helped me grow so much as a horse person because I have had a very different experience each year and been able to show in various classes, from Saddle-type to reigning. Besides just the horse-showing element of this week, I have also been able to participate in the new activities hosted by the Equine Advisory Committee, which I have the honor of serving on. The State Horse Show has allowed to make fun memories with my horse show family and make new friends. This year was the first year I was able to show a horse I owned and had put most of the work into. While this was an incredibly rewarding experience, it was not necessarily an easy or stress-free one. This year, I showed Born Royal (Charlie) my 5-year-old POA. After arriving Wednesday, I rode an extremely energetic Charlie in the Coliseum. Since the next day was Barrels and Poles, I did not think much of her unusual demeanor. I rode Charlie in our classes on Thursday and placed in both. I was very proud of our balanced rides. Thursday night, however, proved to be a bit of a challenge. I schooled Showmanship with Charlie, which went well. Then, I rode her western to see if she could get in more of the pleasure mindset rather than the one where she needed to go fast. Saturday morning, showmanship went fine. I was proud of her for certain parts of the pattern, but there were definitely elements that could have been improved upon. Honestly, our western pleasure class was a disaster. For a horse that usually does not enjoy going extremely fast, she sure wanted to race around the area. I was extremely upset by this class. I did not make callbacks and I was frustrated with myself and my horse. That evening, my previous county horse leader and mentor offered to coach me and give me tips about how to handle the situation. She is the person I bought Charlie from so she knows Charlie just as well as I do. After what felt like hours of asking Charlie for a long trot, lope and transitions, it finally seemed like she had settled in and was actually paying attention to me rather than the liveliness going on around her. Saturday and Sunday proved to be much better. I placed in my trail, horsemanship, English pleasure and equitation classes. Charlie and I had a beautiful horsemanship pattern and I was incredibly proud of her. Even though the week did not start out as I had planned, it ended in a way that I am extremely happy with. I was able to learn, spend time with close friends and grow as a team with my horse because of this experience that I look forward to every year.

My Hog

Riley Schutt, Big Spring Busy Beavers

For 4-H, I showed a hog at the fair and we got it from a guy in Palmyra and I got to go to his farm and pick my two hogs out. When we got them home, we put them on a concrete pad at my grandpa's house and I would go to check on them every day. Since I was homeschooled, I would go up to check on them in the morning, at lunchtime and in the evening. We got show pig 1 feed from MFA. I would spray them down when it was hot outside, and they did well at the fair. I will probably do a hog next year.

My friend and I like showing hogs. He has been my friend since we started 4-H. We both got a pretty good place, and my hog sold for \$598. That is a pretty good price for my hog to do at the fair. The buyer was somebody from Peoples' Bank and Trust in Hawk Point. My hog weighed 243 pounds. Then, I got a red ribbon in the show.

Pottery

Kadence James, Middletown Meddlers

I had two classes. The first class was about basic pottery knowledge and skills. We learned about the three types of clay. There is earthenware, stoneware and porcelain. There are multiple tools used in pottery. We used rib trimming tools, a wooden knife, rolling pins, a brush, wire cutters, a ruler, a sponge and a needle. Most tools are wood or metal. We also made our projects. I made two pinch pots, a tray, a coil flower pot and I threw a bowl on the wheel. After we made our projects, we put them in the kiln to fire. The kiln gets very hot and opening the kiln too soon can cause damage to the pieces. At our second class, we glazed our projects. You must handle all glazes with care. I applied a minimum of two coats of glaze to ensure a good solid coating. This was my first year in pottery and I really enjoyed it.

Swine

Harrison Vomund, Bellflower Boosters

My name is Harrison Vomund. I am a fifth-year member of the Bellflower Boosters 4-H club. This year my projects include Foods II, Woodworking II and Swine II. It has been a good and busy year and I have learned a lot through my time at 4-H project meetings and exhibiting and showing at the County Fair and State Fair.

This year in my Swine project I learned a lot about raising, caring for, feeding, training and showing pigs. We raised my pig on our family farm along with my cousins. My dad helped me learn about how to take care of my fair pig by feeding and watering him. I learned how to train my pig to walk for shows.

I showed my pig at both the Montgomery County Fair and the State Fair. We traveled to the state fair in Sedalia where I showed another, along with my cousins. It was a fun experience.

I plan to continue in 4-H and raise another pig to show at the County and State Fairs next year!

Woodworking

Malachi Nichols, Coon Creek Cronies

For my project, I repurposed a bed frame to build a LEGO table. I put tape on the floor so my dad, mom and I could talk about what size it should be. I sanded the edges of the table and learned there are different types of glue to use to glue the LEGO plates down. I can't wait to build LEGO stuff on it.

Sewing

Emelia Hans, Kountry Kids

This is my third year of doing 4-H and my third year of doing a sewing project. This year, I learned how to make a romper. I also made a cross body bag.

I got better at sewing straighter lines. I also learned more about items in a sewing basket. My class body bag made it to state this year! I look forward to making a quilt next year!

Arts & Crafts

Micah Nichols, Coon Creek Cronies

For my projects, I made snakes out of pipe cleaners. When I started making the snakes, I made a lot of mistakes. But after I practiced, I did it right. I used six pipe cleaners for every snake and cut brown pipe cleaners for the eyes. The tongue was made of the main pipe cleaner that made it a snake. The body was made of four pipe cleaners. The head was made of two pipe cleaners. I made nine snakes. It was fun making them for my 4-H project.

Pigs

Jordan Bolte, Big Spring Busy Beavers

First we bought the pigs, then we weighed them in. Next, we brought it to the pig pen and fed them. About two months before fair time, we started walking them. After that, we brought them to the fair and washed and brushed them until they were shiny and pretty. We sprayed them off throughout the day during the fair because it was really hot. We showed them on Wednesday of the fair and then sold them on Thursday. The buyers gave them back, so we had them butchered the next Friday.



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Grayson Gerding of the Montgomery Progressors promotes zoo apprentice camps at the Missouri State Fair.

4-H Story

Grayson Gerding, Montgomery Progressors

Hi, my name is Grayson Gerding and I am from the Montgomery Progressors 4-H Club. This is my sixth year of 4-H, and I was a Clover Kid before that. I was the club secretary and council representative for our club this year. I participated in our club's food drive and made Christmas cards for a local nursing home and Veterans. Our club also had a fun Christmas party where we decorated gingerbread houses and played games. In July we had an informational program telling us the history of Graham Cave, which we hiked up to. After the hike we had a swim and pizza party. I participated in MOVE Across Missouri, where I placed first for Montgomery County. In August, I attended the Zoo Apprentice Day Camp at Dickerson Park Zoo and have registered to attend the Zoo Camp at Busch Gardens in December. I also helped promote the 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camps and presented animals at the State Fair in the 4-H building.

This year my projects were: Archery, Smallbore .22 Rifle, Air Pistol, Arts and Crafts, Cake Decorating and Breads. My favorite project this year was Archery.

The reason for Archery being my favorite project was because I had the most fun. My shooting was consistent enough that I actually shot one arrow through the shaft of another arrow. I really liked when we were able to shoot the 3-D targets, the groundhog was my favorite.

During our project meetings for Smallbore Rifle .22 we were challenged to shoot at different targets. Some were the usual targets, some were paper plates with a round sticker, or our own drawn circles, and others were a sticker of a groundhog on a paper plate. My favorite was the groundhog sticker because I shot it the best.

Unfortunately, once again, Air Pistol did not have any meetings.

In Arts & Crafts I had fun with the acrylic pour painting technique. I poured paint onto a glass vase, and let it drip onto a canvas. I also made bottle cap flowers on a wooden background that earned blue/gold ribbons and I sent it to the State Fair.

My mom bribed me to take Cake Decorating, since she was going to be the project leader. I learned how to do basic piping decorations and how to stack a cake. I had a hard time with piping the icing because my hands were too warm and the icing would melt. I made a Pokeball cake for the county fair, and it won a blue ribbon. This is one skill that I will have the knowledge of, but probably will not do again.

I enjoyed my project meetings for Breads because I attended those with a friend. A couple of my favorite things I learned to make were cinnamon rolls and angel biscuits. My cinnamon rolls earned blue/gold ribbons and were sent to the State Fair. My angel biscuits earned blue/green ribbons and were displayed at Old Threshers.

Market goat

Thomas Happe, Big Spring Busy Beavers

This was my sixth year showing market goats we raised on our own. I spend a lot of time with my goat, so he gets nicer. It is important to give him more well-balanced food so he can stay healthier. Walking is important because it builds more muscle.

Beef 2 Intermediate

Alexa Groeber, Montgomery Progressors

This year, I took on the challenge of raising two steers, Harold and Timothy, as part of my Beef 2 Intermediate project. My goals were to improve my skills in animal care, nutrition and training while preparing both steers for competition. I also aimed to manage the different needs of each animal, ensuring they both thrived throughout the year.

Raising two steers simultaneously required careful planning and organization. I developed individualized feeding programs for Harold and Timothy, tailoring their diets to promote optimal growth and muscle development. Grooming became a routine task, focusing on keeping their coats clean and healthy. I spent significant time training both steers, working on halter breaking, leading and standing for judges. Balancing the needs for both animals was challenging, particularly when it came to managing their different personalities and behaviors, but through consistency and dedication, I was able to help both steers make significant progress.

This project taught me a great deal about time management and the importance of attention to detail. I learned how to develop and execute feeding plans that suited each steer's individual needs. Additionally, I refined my grooming and training techniques, becoming more adept at preparing steers for show. The experience also reinforced my understanding of the level of commitment required to care for multiple animals successfully.

Timothy and Harold both competed in several shows throughout the state. Timothy won his class twice and placed fourth on hoof at the Montgomery County Fair, while Harold also performed well, contributing to a successful show season. These accomplishments were a direct result of the time and effort I invested in their care and training.

Raising two steers was a significant undertaking that taught me valuable lessons in responsibility, patience and hard work. The experience deepened my connection to the cattle industry and reinforced my passion for continuing with beef projects in the future. Next year, I plan to apply the lessons learned to raise another steer, with hopes of achieving even greater results.

This year's Beef 2 Intermediate project, with both Harold and Timothy, was both challenging and rewarding. I am grateful for the support from my family, mentors and 4-H leaders who provided guidance and encouragement throughout the process. I look forward to continuing my journey in the beef industry and applying the skills I've gained to future projects.

Exploring the Treasures of 4-H

Colton Pritchett, Middletown Meddlers

On June 23, 2024, I attended Exploring the Treasures of 4-H at the Middletown Community Center. Exploring was led by Regina Hill and Janice Pritchett. Our first project we made a lighted mason jar. We chose a mason jar and I picked out a blue color of paint to paint the jar. I took a piece of painters tape and placed it on the jar in the shape of a cross. Then, I took my blue paint and painted all around the jar and the tape. Then, we had to wait and let the paint dry before I could take the tape off or touch the jar. After the jar was dry, I took the painters tape off and placed a battery powered tea light in the jar. I was also able to choose another mason jar and I painted it red, white and blue. Our next project was making a terrarium. First, we got to go outside of the Community Center building and we picked up several little rocks to place in the bottom of the jar. Next, we chose a big glass jar and placed the small rocks in a single layer all around the bottom of the jar. Next, we put a layer of sand over the rocks, then we placed potting soil on top of the sand, and then I took a few seashells and placed them on top of the soil. Then, we took a philodendron start and placed it down in the soil, and took about a half a cup of water to moisten the soil. I put the lid on top of the jar and took a piece of clover ribbon and placed it around the edge of the lid. Next, we made the 4-H banner to place the pins we received in 4-H on it. We took a piece of green felt and a piece of white felt that were in a triangular shape and glued them together using a hot glue gun. The piece of white felt was smaller than the green and was placed on top. Then, we glued a four-leaf clover and 4-H on the banner that was cut out of green felt. We placed an American Flag pin and a 4-H pin on it. Then, we took a piece of dowel rod, placed two pieces of green felt around it and glued the pieces of felt to the banner.

My 4-H Story

Lynn Knoepflein, Montgomery Progressors

I am Lynn Knoepflein and I have been in 4-H for three years as a full member and was a Clover Kid for three years before that. I joined 4-H to experience new things and meet new friends. I have had a wide variety of experiences so far and hope to continue through the next several years and grow.

In my three years as a full member of 4-H, I have been in Arts and Crafts 1 & 2, Sewing 1, Foods 1, Swine 1 & 2, Archery, Keeping Fit, Leadership 1, Cake Decorating 1 and Exploring 4-H. Exploring 4-H was a fun project because you get to try several different other projects within this one to see what you will like for future projects. I have always liked Arts & Crafts and the wide variety of things you can do. For the past couple of years, I have attended an art camp in a local community. These art camps let me experience not only art that I can make but also acting, singing and dancing. Cake Decorating, Leadership and Keeping Fit were all new experiences for me this year and I hope to continue to improve over the next few years.

Some of the things I have learned in 4-H is to keep an open mind, never give up and try your hardest no matter what. Always keep an open mind when trying anything new like in cake decorating or arts and crafts and you might enjoy it. With my pig cake, I had a difficult time realizing that it wasn't going to be perfect. I did my best and received a blue/gold ribbon and was picked to go to state with my pig cake. I learned the harder you try and give it your all, the better you can do.

This year, I was able to serve as the club president for the county club that I was a member of and enjoyed my time leading the club with parliamentary procedures each meeting.

I enjoy 4-H because you can pick your projects that you are in and you learn new and exciting things every year. It teaches me real life experiences that I will be able to use when I get older. Every year, you can experience something new if you choose or you can stick with what you know.

Rabbits

Eliza Matthews, Bellflower Boosters

I bought my rabbits from Brian G. I got a boy and a girl. They were \$30 each. They are both Californian rabbits, which means they have white bodies with gray ears, nose, feet and tails. I got a hutch from my uncle Bull. I set up the hutch on a table on my back porch. It is blue-gray and two stories tall. My rabbits like laying in the top story. They like to be together and cuddle. Their names are Milo and Millie. They drink a lot of water and eat a lot of food. This year, I showed Millie at the fair. She placed second in my class and sixth in the auction line up. During the rabbit show, Millie did good. She cooperated with me while I checked her ears, nose, feet, tail, teeth and fur. The judge really seemed to like her. At the auction, she was bought by James Gilbert, Donnie and Becky Gilbert and Brian Clark. She sold for \$1,600. I was very surprised by how much she sold for. I am excited to do it again next year.

My Hog

Josie Bolte, Big Spring Busy Beavers

I learned how to properly take care of my hog. First, I weighed in my hog, then we brought the hogs to the pig floor. We made sure they had food and water every day. We started walking them and tried to do it every day. When it came fair time, we brought them to the grounds and weighed them in. We took care of them and sprayed them every time we checked on them.

Making a Heart Pillow

Samantha Politsch, Kountry Kids

Hello, my name is Samantha Politsch. It is my second year in 4-H and my first year in sewing. I am going to tell you to make a heart pillow. First, you want to trace a heart pattern on the fabric and then use pinking shears to cut a heart shape. The third thing you do is put the two fabric pieces together and straight stitch them close. You have to leave a small opening to stuff it with cotton balls before it is stitched completely together. I made two knots for the eyes. This is how you do a heart-shaped pillow.

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Josie Harrell of the Bellflower Boosters is working with power tools.

The Fair

Josie Harrell, Bellflower Boosters

Hi, my name is Josie Harrell. This is my first year in 4-H. I did chickens for the fair. I had a lot of fun taking care of my animals. The three I got to take to the fair are named Fanta, Budy and Oscar Goldman. I won junior showmanship with Oscar Goldman. I had a lot of fun at the fair.



Mariah Miller of the Bellflower Boosters cooks up a storm in the kitchen for a foods project.

Foods

Mariah Miller, Bellflower Boosters

My name is Mariah Miller and this is my third year in 4-H. I am part of the Bellflower Boosters club. This is my third year in foods. I really enjoy making new foods. It is fun to do.

I learned several new things this year. One was how to zest an orange, a lemon and a lime. The first time I did it I used too much and the dessert was really tart! I learned that it doesn't take much.

Another thing I learned was how to broil bread in the oven. I made some hamburger sliders and broiled the bread first. They turned out really good.

Also, I learned how to time what I make so everything finishes around the same time. I practiced this a lot while making breakfast meals.

All of my foods earned blue ribbons at the fair. One got to go to Old Threshers and another got to go to the State Fair. I got to go and see it there which was neat. I am excited to learn more next year.



Jonah Happe participates in the 4-H Council Obstacle course at the Montgomery County Fair.

Sportfishing

Jonah Happe, Big Spring Busy Beavers

This past year was my second year in sportfishing. We always enjoy our trip to Bennett Springs State Park, where I had the opportunity to catch my first lunker that weighed three pounds. The thing I learned was how to fish the river.



Carmen Stille of the Kountry Kids sews her quilt.

My Second Year Quilting

Carmen Stille

This year in quilting I wanted to do something bigger than my project last year. I decided on a twin sized quilt. My grandma helps me with quilting and she helped me find a good pattern. Then, we went to pick out fabric. Picking out the fabric is my favorite part of quilting. I got two different chicken print fabrics and a blue and orange fabric. I was really excited about the chicken fabrics. Then, I had to cut all of the pieces and piece them together the way the pattern showed. Because the quilt was so big, I didn't really want to hand quilt the whole thing. So I machine-quilted it. Even machine quilting took a long time because my grandma lives pretty far away from me. But we finished it and I was so excited to put it in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. I was even more excited when I saw it go to state. Once I get it back from state, I'm going to make it my camping blanket.

Making a Casserole Caddy

Madeline Politsch, Kountry Kids

My name is Madeline Politsch. It is my second year in 4-H and my first year in woodworking. I am going to tell you how I made a casserole caddy. First, I bought the wood for my project. Then, I measured the wood to the right length using a tape measure. Then, I cut the wood with a Mitre saw while using safety glasses. I learned that the area around the saw should be clean. Next, I drilled holes in the side board and cut between the holes with a jigsaw to create the handles. Then, I sanded the handles and glued and clamp the boards together. Lastly, I installed the screws and I let the glue dry overnight. To finish it all, I learned a little bit about using a wood burning pen to create a cute design. I really enjoyed it!

Rabbit

Kadence James, Middletown Meddlers

This was my first year raising rabbits, so I had a lot of prep work to do before I got them. First, we made the hutch. We measured, cut and screwed the different boards together. We made different slots, one of each rabbit. Next, we painted it. I picked the color. It was a pretty teal. Then, we put chicken wire on the cage. We used two different sizes, one for around the slots and a smaller one for the bottoms. Now, we started working on the drainage system for the pee and poop. We attached tin to the bottom at a slant. This allowed the pee to drain. At the end of the tin, we put a gutter. The pee drained from the tin, to the gutter and then into a bucket. Next, we bought water bowls, feeders, feed and hay. We attached the feeders and water bowls to each door. We were ready for the rabbits. I got three does – a Californian, a black New Zealand and a red New Zealand. I fed each rabbit a quarter of a cup of pellets twice a day. I also gave them hay every other day.

I cleaned their cages twice a day by making sure the pee drained and then washing the poop out. I also emptied the bucket each time. I worked with my rabbits multiple times every day. Setting them up by patting their feet under and scooting their butt forward. Then, I would start to practice flipping, checking eyes, teeth and nostrils. I would also rub their stomach and check their tails. I chose to show the Californian and got sixth in my class. I had a lot of fun.

Raising Pigs

Matthew Oliver, Coon Creek Cronies

My name is Matthew Oliver and this is my fourth year in 4-H. I am a member of the Coon Creek Cronies and served as the Vice President this past year. I've learned a lot over the years in 4-H and in trying to breed and raise my own pigs.

In September 2023, my brother and I bred one of my market hogs that I showed in the open show at the fair that year. I learned about tracking a hog's cycle to figure out when I needed to breed her. We wanted to try and artificially inseminate. I called and talked to semen dealers to find which boar would work best with the build of my gilt as well as the results I wanted to get. The process went well and in December we moved her into the farrowing house. Unfortunately, her birthing canal was too small to birth the pigs and we lost her and all of her piglets. Sometimes that happens and it's not something you know before you breed them.

In March 2024, I visited Robinson's swine and purchased four good hogs for the fair. From March until July, I prepared my hogs for the fair. I made sure they had full feed and enough clean water. The heat slowed down some of their growth. A mixture of cake mix, feed and water made them eat because of the sweetness. Sometimes this helps. Getting ready for showing pigs also means walking them regularly so they can walk in the show ring.

During the fair, I got second in my class and 27th overall. I also showed in the open show Friday of the fair for extra experience. I love fair week showing and also hanging out with my friends in the hog barn. This fall we are going to try and AI two of our gilts and a sow again and hope for better results. I really enjoy working with hogs and plan to continue growing my operation.

Raising a Lamb

Kyndall Groeber, Montgomery Progressors

Raising a lamb taught me a lot! First, I learned that taking care of a lamb means doing a lot of things every day, like feeding it and making sure it's clean. I found out that lambs need special food to grow strong and healthy. I also had to watch out for any signs that the lamb might be sick and make sure it gets help if needed. Playing with the lamb and spending time with it helped it feel happy and not scared. I learned that lambs need a good place to live, where they can be safe and have enough space to move around. Overall, taking care of a lamb showed me how important it is to be responsible and caring. My lamb's name is Mittens and her mom's name is Socks.

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