

Emeree Tavegie

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Hello everybody, my name is Emeree Tavegie. This was my last year in 4-H sadly, but I will continue in fair while I am in FFA, just the same as my three brothers. My whole family has always done 4-H so when the time came for me to be in it, I immediately took the opportunity. I was super excited for my sewing and my market steer. Having my entire family be in 4-H sometime through their life, all of them always had a market steer. My first year was a real rollercoaster all the way from getting stepped on in the showring, to getting \$6.50 for my steer. My mom though, was one person who really influenced me to sew in my 4-H career. I did it every year but once and loved it every single time. This was the only year I didn't do it, but it was only because I was lucky enough to go to Nationals for Pole bending and Breakaway and had a lot on my plate.

Even though I didn't get to sew, I learned a lot from this year in 4-H. While showing my steer this year I was unfortunately beaten by my brother Coen in the competition to see who could get a better price for our steers. In addition, I was beaten by Jace Rich and JJ Lipp in showman ship too. Getting to compete against those two though was a great experience in all, just to see them show their animals with everything correct was amazing. I was able to see, during the show, how I needed to change how I was holding my hand and that sort of thing. Not everything I learned came from this year though, I have been taught so many things just from being in 4-H and especially a club.

I have gotten much better at public speaking and just visiting to other people around town. Being in a club has helped me be a better person all around. The past couple of years I went to go help with Vacation Bible school, (VBS), at our church. It was super fun and great to see some old friends I haven't seen for a long time and to hang out with the little kids is always a blast.

This year at the county fair it was really fun because this was my first year to be in the round robin. Not only that but I also have only ever shown a steer before so getting to try the different animals was awesome, but my showing skills were not so much! The BBQ and sale was fun also just like every year it is great to see the community all out having a good time and then afterwards having everybody come to support the kids selling animals. The BBQ and sale may just be my personal favorite part of the fair every year, even though the goat roping that has started the past two years is a very close second.

Some of the best parts of 4-H have just been being around at the fair. The fair is always just a fun exciting place to go to every summer and is something to look forward to every year because everybody always just being so nice and happy, having things to do, and hanging out with friends. Looking ahead, I can't wait until next year and trying one more time to get a buckle for showman ship or Market beef, competing in the round robin again and being better at that, and just the overall chaos and excitement of fair year after year after year.