

My 4-H Story Hi, my name is Josie Dean. I'm 12 years old and the daughter of Jesse and Nastel Dean. We live on a ranch near Upton. I am a member of Prairie and Pines 4-H club. I've been in 4-H for four years and I have enjoyed every minute of it. This was my first year as an Intermediate and I think I did pretty good. This year for community service we walked around Upton and planted flowers in the town planters and we also baked Valentine cookies for the Senior Center. For my shooting sports project this year I got 6th place in 3D archery and in target archery. I placed 5th in air pistol and this was my very first year shooting pistol. I placed 3rd in .22 rifle. The 3D archery is my favorite of all the shooting sports. Now that school sports are starting for me, I think archery is the only one I will do next year. Horse show did not so well because my rodeo horse was being naughty, but I gave it a whirl. I think I will use a different horse next year, something that hasn't been run a lot. My market beef went great and I loved taking care of my steer, Irish Cream. He was a big Charolais cross and I cried like a baby when I sold him. I miss him so, so much. He was the best steer every. I learned a lot and kept a few notes for things to do better next year. Specifically, fitting and finishing out. Some people are so willing to help us newbies. My dog, Remi is such a good girl and my first year in dog went great. She is one year old Border Collie, Hanging Tree cross. I can't wait to show her again next year, especially since she will finally be old enough for agility. At home, she already does some stuff off leash. Market poultry went great considering I ended up Grand Champion. We got to take them home and had to butcher them a few days later. What an experience that is. I think I will plan something different for my breeding chickens next year and mom said we will be a little more organized. I think showmanship could have gone better, but it's something to work toward. JD and Cindy always make it so much fun. The sale was sad but really good. Arch ended up buying both my steer and poultry. My steer ended up weighting 1373 lbs and sold for \$6/lb. My chickens sold for around \$300.00 I think. I was pretty happy with that check. I will be picking out next years steer pretty soon and starting all over again. I feel that I could have done better things, but I'll fix them next year. Josie Dean