

## My 4H Story

I am Millie Paulton and this is my fourth year in 4H and I am 12. This year in 2024 I show four animals! I showed a horse, dog, goat, and steer! I also did some static projects. The steer was new for me this year and I loved it! I joined 4H because my cousins were showing horses in 4H. I started with horses and dogs and it grew from there! I have many goals in 4H. One goal is to do the best I can when I am showing my animals. I also have main goal of having fun!

The new thing I showed this year was a 4H market steer. I brought two steers to the county fair. My calm steer for showmanship, and my more-nicer-looking one for the market class. My calm one was named Beef, and my more-nicer-looking one was named Junior. Junior was the one that was crazier. He just would sometimes try to run you over. He never did though, he just would look that way sometimes. I had to use a cable halter with Junior!

Junior got away from me in the market class! We got him back, and I ended up winning! In showmanship I used Beef. I used a normal halter with him. I walked in the showmanship ring, and placed... SECOND! I had lots of fun! That day and the steer show was definitely a learning opportunity. I learned what a cable halter is, how to show a steer, what nutrition I needed to feed my steer, what weight my steer had to be, and I guess I could go on and on about all the things I learned in just showing a steer!

I showed my horse named Cheyenne this year on Monday. I did showmanship, barrels, western pleasure, and poles. I got second in showmanship, sixth in western pleasure, and I don't know about barrels and poles. I did quite a few thank you cards, and finished them right after the show.

At the dog show, I was in everything! I won showmanship, my class of conformation, second over all conformation, sixth in agility, and won overall grand champion rally! This was a great day at the dog show. I had a lot of fun!

At the goat show I got second in showmanship, and I showed a breeding doe named Victory. I learned what a good breeding doe looks like, and I got second. I showed a market goat, but he did not make weigh. I learned that he was probably born too late, and had a zinc deficiency. I also showed a dairy goat in the open show. I was one in a class of one.

All of my static exhibits went to State fair. I got a great big second place ribbon for my beef board. My drawing and photo did well too.

In conclusion, I would say I had a very successful year in 4-H. I learned a lot with everything I did this year. This was my fourth year, and I would say, my year was fun! I will probably do everything I did this year again next year, and add a pen of meat chickens. I completed my main goal this year: **have fun!**



Top left: Me and Beef before we showed. Top right: me and Beef in show. Bottom: Junior and me practicing.







Top left: me and my dog Leata doing agility. Top right: me and Leata in showmanship. Bottom left: me and my goat Victory after show. Bottom right: me and my dairy goat Mable in show.







Top: me and my drawing at fair.  
 Bottom: me and my beef board at fair.







Top left: me and Cheyenne after the show. Top right: me and Cheyenne doing the poles. Bottom left: me and Cheyenne doing showmanship.