



My Name is Lillian Lopez and I am a 6th year member of the Elk Mountain Outlaws 4-H club. I joined 4-H because I thought all the activities would be fun and I could learn new things. This year I did chickens, fashion review, photography, shooting sports, art Shooting sports and art.

Doing fashion review is a lot of fun and makes your really look into what you are wearing and how to take care of your things. Fashion review has taught me more about different types of fabric, to stand up tall and to be confident in what you are wearing.

Some things I learned this year in photography so far, is that focus is really important. Centering is also important because what you are trying to take photo of needs to be the main part of the photo. Even the smallest things can get you docked points but all they ask is to try your best. This year I had used some photos from Washington D.C because there so many cool and different things there. My favorite picture was of the sun set between two large buildings.

This year during shooting sports I worked really hard to stay focused. Shooting a gun can be hard because of how hard it kicks back. Doing shooting sports had taught me how to shoot a gun safely and to have good form. Shooting sports is a lot of fun. This year I think I did very well and got good marks on Both my rifle and pistol target but overall this year was great.

I enjoy showing chickens. My chicken this year was a polish named Phyllis Diller. Polish chicken are known for being very skittish but great family birds. Since they have feathers in there eyes they get scared. You need to study to show chickens because you need to know more then just your chicken. The judge can ask you about any bread of chicken or even about ducks if they need to. Also showing chicken can be hard because they sometimes don't want to co-operate. That means you need to practice with them so that they don't get so flustered. I want-



ed to show to show the silkie that I showed last year but his feathers were in pretty bad shape. So I had to work with a new chicken this year. This year I had to work extra hart because of my chicken and its breed, but I had fun anyways.

Art can also be hard because all the lines and it always seems that something is off with the drawing or painting but do your best and every thing is fine.

I have learned lots of new things like how to to work hard, focus more and not give up. For community service with the club, I helped set up fair, did high way clean up, and made dog blankets for the dog pound. High way clean up is were the whole club meets on the side of the highway we do the meeting and then we clean up the highway for two miles. Doing high way clean up might not seem fun and its really not If you really think hard, how much garbage is thrown onto the ground its sad. The club is there to help make it better. My favorite community service project outside of 4-H is delivering the Golden Valentines. The people are so happy to see you when they open the door.



During fair I thought the bouncy houses were fun but what I thought was the best was pig wrestling. It is such a fun thing to do and I had a great time at fair. I did pig wrestling and thought it was fun. Next year to do better I could study more for chickens and take more time to think about what I am doing. Being able to do 4-H has made me better person and made me realize that you don't have to take life so serious but to still try your best. Doing 4-H is a way to have fun learning about responsibility. Always try your best because your best is what will get you later in life. Fair is a great experience and being able to do fair makes my year especially great. People are so nice and helpful and help you to succeed. Overall 4-H this year has been great and I am excited to do it next year and to see what is to come.

