

**Let the  
Games Begin!**



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Let the games begin. That was the theme of this year's Wells County 4-H Fair.

But as much fun as there is to be had with the 4-H, it doesn't always feel like fun and games. There's seemingly endless hours of hard work and preparation, teamwork between families and friends, and the week that puts it all to test. There's stress and anticipation, planning and improvisation, and disappointment and celebration. It's more than a game or a fun time. It's a

learning experience and microcosm of life.

It's memories to last a lifetime.

We've captured a few of those here.

We hope you enjoy them.

Photos by **Barbara Barbieri, Chet Baumgartner, Holly Gaskill, Sydney Kent, Justin Peeper, Carrie Penrod, Jonathan Snyder and Ryan Walker.**

**Cover photo:** Hunter Wenger competes in the Royal Showmanship competition Thursday night at the fair. *Photo by Holly Gaskill*

## PREMIER AUCTION



Emma Fey, daughter of Amanda Krinn and Tony Fey, sold her grand champion BBQ to Huffman Real Estate Group, represented by Nick Huffman.



Violet McClain, daughter of Amber McClain, sold her reserve grand champion cake decorating to Jessica Ault.



Elijah Ingle, son of Doug and Cynthia Ingle, sold his grand champion garden to Rob and Jenni Hoover and TTG, represented by Rob Hoover.



Grant Nash, son of Doug and Crystal Nash, sold his grand champion corn to TTG and the Rob and Jenni Hoover family, represented by Rob Hoover, and Farmers and Merchants State Bank.



Elsa Franks, daughter of Scott and Janel Franks, sold her champion prepared foods to R & J Collectables, represented by Judy Myers and Rick Fiechter Farms.



McKenna Freed, daughter of Matthew and Julie Freed, sold her reserve grand champion floriculture to Larry Reinhard, pictured, and Lee and Danielle Werling.



Samantha Evans, daughter of Andy and Angie Evans, sold her grand champion alfalfa to Danielle Werling; TTG, represented by Rob Hoover; First Bank of Berne, represented by Dustin Arnold; National Oil and Gas, represented by Heather Morgan; the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, represented by Rick Johnloz; Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Jason Johnloz; Helena Chemical, represented Bob Barger; First Merchants Bank, represented by Joel Arnold; BR Fuel Services; Merchants State Bank and Mounsey Farms.



Clark Evans, son of Andy and Angie Evans, sold his grand champion alfalfa to Danielle Werling; TTG, represented by Rob Hoover; First Bank of Berne, represented by Dustin Arnold; National Oil and Gas, represented by Heather Morgan; the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, represented by Rick Johnloz; Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Jason Johnloz; Helena Chemical, represented by Bob Barger; First Merchants Bank, represented by Joel Arnold; BR Fuel Services; Dettmer Enterprises; Farmers and Merchants State Bank and Red Line Equipment.



Dane Schlagenhauf, son of Wendy Schlagenhauf, sold his reserve grand champion soybeans to TTG, represented by Rob Hoover; National Oil and Gas, represented by Heather Morgan; First Bank of Berne, represented by Nathan Liechty and Dustin Arnold; Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz; Ag Best, represented by Steve Prible; BKM Real Estate and Krueckeberg Auction Company; BR Fuel Services and National ECO Energy.





Ella Wheeler, daughter of James and Abbey Wheeler, sold her grand champion beekeeping to the Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management; Mounsey Family Farms, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz; and The News-Banner, represented by Doug Brown.



Kammy Miller, daughter of Gary and Lisa Miller, sold her reserve grand champion garden to Ulmer Livestock Truck, represented by Tracey Ulmer, Kambree Stoller and Kent Ulmer.



Audrey Breunig, daughter of Tyler and Matthew Breunig, sold her grand champion cake decorating to Baker Farms, the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management and Mounsey Family Farms, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz.



Violet McClain, daughter of Amber McClain, sold her grand champion prepared foods to the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Jason Johnloz, and Mounsey Farm.



Preston Sailors, son of Lynn and Seth Sailors, sold his grand champion preserved foods to National Oil and Gas, represented by Heather Morgan.



McKenzie Striker, daughter of Emily and John Striker, sold her grand champion soybeans to Perfect Pet, represented by Emily Striker.



Mason Wells, son of James and Kristin Wells, sold his reserve grand champion strawberry to Cynthia (pictured) and Doug Ingle.



Corban Wheeler, son of James and Abbey Wheeler, sold his reserve grand champion beekeeping to the Harry Brickley Farm Foundation, Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management and Mounsey Family Farms, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz.



Makenzie Fuess, daughter Rob and Joye Fuess, sold her grand champion floriculture to Dan and Laura Nelson.

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**PREMIER AUCTION**



Dane Schlagenhau, son of Wendy Schlagenhau, sold his grand champion wheat to Johnson Seed Sales, represented by Blake and Tony Johnson, and Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz, BKM Real Estate and Krueckeberg Auction Company, and Shaw AG and Earthworks.



Joshua Bricker, son of Jason and Joy Bricker, sold his grand champion prepared foods to the Dr. Harry Brickley Farm Foundation and Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management, represented by Rick and Jason Johnloz.



Eden Stoppenhagen, daughter of Andrew and Gay Stoppenhagen, sold her reserve grand champion wheat to Andy and Angie Evans; Keystone Cooperative, represented by Shelby Fisher; and Prible Family Farm, represented by Julia Prible; and Steffan Oil.



Blake Fuess, son of Rob and Joye Fuess, sold his grand champion strawberry to Dan and Laura Nelson.

**RABBITS**



Best of Breed 4 Class winners were, front from left, Owen Boxell and Lindsay Penrod; back from left, Bryce Kilander, Emma Fey, Colton Caldwell and Lane McClure.



Best of Breed 4 Class winners were, front from left, Bryce Kilander, Brandon Wickey, Owen Boxell, Lance Benefiel; back from left, Peyton Ellis, Case Boxell, Emma Fey, Stormie Selking and Jordan Reynolds.

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RABBITS



Case Boxell, right, won Grand Champion Meat Pen and Emma Fey had Reserve Champion.



Bryce Kilander, right, won Grand Champion Atewer and Case Boxell had Reserve Champion.



Emma Fey, right, won Grand Champion Fryer and Case Boxell had Reserve Champion.



Case Boxell, right, won Grand Champion Roaster and Emma Fey had Reserve Champion.



Emma Fey, right, won Best 4 Class and Bryce Kilander had Reserve.



Lane McClure, right, won Grand Champion Pre-Junior and Bryce Kilander had Reserve Champion.



Emma Fey, right, won Best 6 Class and Owen Boxell had Reserve.



Emma Fey won Best in Show.

FASHION REVUE/CONSUMER CLOTHING



Young women wearing clothing which they had sewn, left to right, were Grace Boltz, Anna Lynn Felger, Alivia McClain (Champion), Avery Neuen-schander Erin Ramseyer, Adelaide Tumbleson and Stella Tumbleson (Reserve Champion). All received blue ribbon honors.



In the Senior Division for sewing were, left to right, Sophia Meeks (Dress-up Champion, Reserve Champion overall), Illiyana Sailors (Dress-up Reserve Champion), Hana McClain (Casual Reserve Champion), Violet McClain (Casual Champion) and Ella Wheeler (Free Choice Champion, Grand Champion).



All seven of the consumer clothing competitors received blue ribbon honors. Left to right are Jaycee Carroll, Rylie Carroll, Anna Lynn Felger (Reserve Champion Junior Division), Clarica Shiveley, Lakota Todd and Ella Wheeler (Grand Champion Senior Division). Camille Surbaugh, not pictured, was Champion in the Junior Division.



### DAIRY BEEF



Hunter Wenger, right, stands with his Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Beef Steer. Assisting him is Cooper Jenkins.



Members who showed Rate of Gain Dairy Beef winners were, from left, Nathan Bauermeister, first and second; Chanie Mounsey, third; Hunter Wenger, fourth; and Branson Kiel, fifth.



Winners in the Dairy Beef Beginner Showmanship contest were, from left, Hutson Scherrer, first; Kreigh Wood, second; and Branson Kiel, third.



Hallie Mounsey, right, stands with her Grand Champion Dairy Beef Steer. Assisting her are, from left, Raven Mounsey, Vance Mounsey, and Chanie Mounsey.



Nathan Bauermeister placed first in the Dairy Beef Junior Showmanship contest.



Winners in the Dairy Beef Senior Showmanship contest were, from left, Hunter Wenger, first; Case Boxell, second; and Hallie Mounsey, third.

### DAIRY FEEDER



Jalynn Biberstine participated in Holstein Winter Calf and Beginner showmanship. She was awarded First Premium Showmanship.



Pictured is Yazmine Tucker (left) who was awarded Champion Senior Dairy Showman and Carly Pease who was awarded Reserve Senior Dairy Showman.

### PROJECTS



Front, from left, Lindsay Penrod, Grand Champion Wildlife, Champion Genealogy, Champion Forestry; Erin Ramsayer, Grand Champion Home Environment, Reserve Champion Cake Decorating, Reserve Grand Champion Sewing Non-Wearable junior, Reserve Grand Champion Sewing Wearable junior; Leighton Jenkins, Grand Champion Arts and Crafts; Ethan Donovan, Reserve Grand Champion Construction Toys, Reserve Grand Champion Corn; Clark Evans, Reserve Grand Champion Alfalfa, Reserve Champion Corn; and back, from left, Amelia Penrod, Grand Champion Forestry; Ethan Stauffer, Grand Champion Computer Science, Grand Champion Electric; Ian Todd, Grand Champion Poultry Poster, Reserve Champion Dog Poster, Reserve Champion Weather; Emma Fey, Grand Champion BBQ Poster, Reserve Champion Cake Decorating; Sydney Gibson, Grand Champion Models.



Front, from left, Abby Ramsayer, Reserve Champion Arts and Crafts, Grand Champion Health, Reserve Grand Champion Home Environment, Champion Construction Toys, Grand Champion Shooting Sports; Kayla Freed, Grand Champion Photography, Grand Champion Child Development; McKenna Freed, Reserve Grand Champion Gift Wrapping, Reserve Grand Champion Floriculture; Alexa Raschick, Grand Champion Genealogy; Everly Raschick, Champion Sewing non-wearable junior; and back, from left, Colter Kiel, Reserve Champion Wildlife, Reserve Champion Construction Toys, Reserve Grand Champion Forestry; Jackson Collins, Grand Champion Tractor Safety, Grand Champion Small Engine; Eli Ingle, Grand Champion Weather, Grand Champion Garden; Maddison Grover, Reserve Champion Needle Craft; Tyler Grover, Grand Champion Construction Toys.



DAIRY CATTLE



Pictured is Yazmine Tucker who participated in Holstein Spring Yearling Calf and Holstein Fall Yearling Heifer. Tucker was awarded Supreme Junior Champion.



Pictured is Carly Pease who participated in Holstein Spring Yearling Calf, Milking Shorthorn Fall Yearling Heifer and Jersey Dry Cow. Pease was awarded Reserve Supreme Junior Champion for Milking Shorthorn and Supreme Senior Champion for Jersey Dry Cow.



DAIRY GOATS



Bryce Kilander stands with his Grand Champion Show Wether.



Delayna Reinhard, left, shows her Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Best In Show Dairy Doe Banners. Hallie Myers, right, stands with her Reserve Champion Senior Dairy Doe.



Branson Kiel stands with his Champion Junior Dairy Doe. Assisting him is Owen Boxell, right.

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## DAIRY FEEDER



Luci Jenkins, right, stands with her Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer. Assisting her are, from left, Hunter Wenger, Cooper Jenkins and Tucker Jenkins.



Hunter Wenger, right, stands with his Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer. Assisting him are, from left, Luci Jenkins, Cooper Jenkins, Fletcher Wenger and Cooper Steele.



Winners in the Dairy Feeder Senior Showmanship contest were, from left, Lillia Paxson, first; Case Boxell, second; and Hunter Wenger, third.



Members who showed Rate of Gain Dairy Feeder Steer winners were, from left, Adrian Boxell, first; Alaina Nusbaumer, second and third; Kreed Frauhiger, fourth; and Trace Tucker, fifth.

## DAIRY GOATS



Branson Kiel stands with his Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Dairy Doe.



Perrin Gates stands with his Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Doe, Champion Nigerian Dwarf Senior Dairy Doe and Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Mother/Daughter. Assisting him is Zoe Needler, left.



Aubree Neuschwander stands with her Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf Senior Dairy Doe and Reserve Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Dairy Doe. Assisting her is Noah Neuschwander, right.



Winners in the Dairy Feeder Junior Showmanship contest were, from left, Luci Jenkins, first; Rhett Tucker, second; and Adrian Boxell, third.



Owen Boxell stands with his Grand Champion Dairy Wether and Reserve Grand Champion Best In Show Dairy Wether. Assisting him is Noah Neuschwander, right.



Avery Neuschwander stands with her Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Dairy Doe. Assisting her is Noah Neuschwander, right.



Rylen Gates stands with his Champion Nigerian Dwarf Produce of a Dam. Assisting him is Zane Gates, left.



Winners in the Dairy Feeder Beginner Showmanship contest were, from left, Raven Mounsey, first; Owen Boxell, second; and Cambrie Higgins, third.



DAIRY GOATS



Branson Kiel, left, stands with his Champion Junior Dairy Doe. Colter Kiel, right, stands with his Reserve Champion Junior Dairy Doe.



Zane Gates stands with his Reserve Grand Champion Nigerian Dwarf Wether and Grand Champion Home Grown Nigerian Dwarf Wether. Assisting him is Owen Boxell, right.



Denessa Reinhard stands with her Grand Champion Best In Show Dairy Doe, Grand Champion Dairy Doe and Champion Senior Dairy Doe. Assisting her are Delayna Reinhard, left, and Grace McAfee.



Bryce Kilander had Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Wether and Owen Boxell had Grand Champion.



Ella Wheeler won Champion Senior Dry Doe, Champion Pet Dairy Wether and Grand Champion Home Grown Dairy Wether.



Denessa Reinhard stands with her Champion Mother/Daughter Dairy Doe. Assisting her is Delayna Reinhard, left, and Grace McAfee, middle.



Junior Showmanship awards were Aubree Neuenchwander, second; Denessa Reinhard, first; and Delayna Reinhard, third.



Beginner Showmanship awards were Branson Kiel, second; Avery Neuenchwander, first; and Grace McAfee, third. Neuenchwander and McAfee also pose with their Champion Nigerian Dwarf Junior Dairy Doe and Reserve Champion Pet Dairy Wether banners, respectively.



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## SWINE



Brynlee Sliger stands with her Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt and Champion Yorkshire Breeding Gilt. Assisting her is Baylee Sliger, Jessica Sliger, Nick Sliger, judge Kyle Pullen, Samuel Dean and Lance Clark.



Hunter Wenger stands with his Champion Duroc Breeding Gilt and Third Overall Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Mick Wenger, judge Kyle Pullen, Fletcher Wenger, Aubrey Wenger and Austin Oren.



Westin Miller stands with his Champion Poland China Breeding Gilt and Fourth Overall Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Nick Aubach, Emily Miller, judge Kyle Pullen, Paxton Miller, Scott Miller and Jeremy Jones.



Tyler Nichols stands with his Reserve Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt and Fifth Overall Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Abby Nusbaumer, Joseph Nusbaumer, Ellie Nichols, judge Kyle Pullen, Jody Nusbaumer and Thomas Trout.



Connor Reed stands with his Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Nick Aubach, Foster Reed, Amber Reed, Garrett Reed, Connor Reed, judge Kyle Pullen and Jeremy Jones.



Connor Reed stands with his Grand Champion Barrow and Champion Crossbred Barrow. Assisting him is Nick Aubach, Foster Reed, Kenley Reed, Amber Reed, judge Kyle Pullen and Jeremy Jones.



Celsey Clark poses with her Champion Tamworth pig. Assisting her is judge Kyle Pullen and Cylee Williams.



Kayla Keifer stands with her Grand Champion Market Gilt. Assisting her is Eli Steiner and judge Kyle Pullen.



Peyton Slusher stands with her Champion Chester White Barrow. Assisting her is Trey Slusher and judge Kyle Puller.



Kayla Keifer stands with her Champion Duroc Barrow and Third Overall Barrow. Assisting her is Eli Steiner, left, and judge Kyle Pullen.



SWINE



Bailey Meyer stands with her Reserve Champion Spot Barrow. Assisting her is Maren Meyer, left, and Nick Aulbach.



Trey Slusher stands with his Reserve Grand Champion Market Gilt. Assisting him is Peyton Slusher, left, and Meghan Slusher.



Olivia Brown stands with her Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt. Assisting her is Megan Brown, left, and Judge Kyle Pullen.



Brayden Carroll stands with his Reserve Champion Chester White Barrow. Assisting him is Keeton Carroll, left and Jared Jacobs.

PROJECTS



Front, from left, Branson Kiel, Reserve Champion Wildlife, Reserve Champion Sport Fishing; Lane McClure, Reserve Champion Collections; Allie Miller, Reserve Grand Champion Poultry Poster, Grand Champion Cat Poster; Heath Miller, Champion Computer Science; Violet McClain, Reserve Champion Photography, Reserve Grand Champion Cake Decorating; Champion Foods, Champion Preserved Foods, Reserve Champion Sewing wearable senior, Reserve Grand Champion sewing non-wearable senior; and back, from left, Grant Nash, Grand Champion Corn; Jacob Hahn, Reserve Champion Electric, Reserve Champion Shooting Sports; Stormie Selking, Reserve Champion Woodworking; Cohen Miller, Reserve Grand Champion Wildlife, Reserve Grand Champion Computer Science, Grand Champion Soil and Water Science; Bryce Kilander, Reserve Grand Champion BBQ, Reserve Champion Forestry, Reserve Grand Champion Soil and Water Science.



From left, Joseph Nussbaumer, Champion Soybeans; Ellie Nichols, Reserve Champion Floriculture; and Tyler Nichols, Reserve Champion Soybean.

*Congratulations 4-H Participants*



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## SWINE



Joseph Nusbaumer stands with his Reserve Champion Barrow and Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow. Assisting him is Barb Nusbaumer, Tyler Nichols, Ellie Nichols, Judge Kyle Pullen, Jody Nusbaumer and Thomas Trout.



Ellie Nichols stands with her Champion Tamworth Breeding Gilt. Assisting her is Abby Nusbaumer, Joseph Nusbaumer, Tyler Nichols, Judge Kyle Pullen, Jody Nusbaumer and Thomas Trout.



Trey Slusher stands with his Reserve Champion Duroc Barrow and Fifth Overall Barrow. Assisting him is Logan Slusher, Peyton Slusher, Judge Kyle Pullen and Eric Keifer.



Gavin Biberstine stands with his Champion Spot Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Brandon Biberstine, right.



Hayden Slusher stands with her Champion Landrace Breeding Gilt. Assisting her is Colsen Brubaker, left, Craven Brubaker and Logan Slusher.



Peyton Slusher stands with her Reserve Champion Hampshire Barrow. Assisting her is Colsen Brubaker, left, Trey Slusher, Craven Brubaker and Logan Slusher.



Garrett Reed stands with his Champion Hampshire Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Rookie Showmanship winners were, from left, Gretchen Prible, first; Hayden Slusher, second; and Jalynn Biberstine, third.



Junior Showmanship winners were, from left, Keeton Carroll, third; Peyton Slusher, first; and Kambree Stoller, second.



Intermediate Showmanship winners were, from left, Garrett Reed, third; Westin Miller, second; Olivia Brown, first.



Senior Showmanship winners were, from left, Celsey Clark, third; Connor Reed, second; and Baylee Sliger, first. Judge Kyle Pullen splits Reed and Sliger.



SWINE



Connor Reed stands with his Reserve Champion Tamworth Barrow. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Connor Reed stands with his Champion Hampshire Barrow. Assisting him is Nick Aulbach, right.



Connor Reed stands with his Reserve Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Connor Reed stands with his Champion Spot Barrow. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Kenley Reed stands with her Reserve Champion Tamworth Breeding Gilt. Assisting her is Nick Aulbach, right.



Trey Slusher stands with his Reserve Champion Yorkshire Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Peyton Slusher, left, and Meghan Slusher.



Keeton Carroll stands with his Reserve Champion Landrace Barrow. Assisting him is Brayden Carroll, left, and Jared Jacobs.



Bailey Meyer stands with her Reserve Champion Spot Barrow. Assisting her is Maren Meyer, left, and Nick Aulbach.



Garrett Reed stands with his Champion Poland China Barrow. Assisting him is Nick Aulbach, right.



Garrett Reed stands with his Reserve Champion Yorkshire Barrow. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Garrett Reed stands with his Champion Landrace Barrow. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.



Paxton Miller stands with his Champion Herford Breeding Gilt. Assisting him is Austin Amick, right.

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## SWINE



Westin Miller stands with his Champion Hereford Barrow. Assisting him is Nick Aulbach, right.

## CATS



Showing their cats and competing in a Showmanship category were left to right Sydney Alstoft, McKenna King, Caleb Starn, Abigail Starn, Madison Grover and Brayden Wickey. Wickey was Grand Champion Short Hair with cat Steve and King was Reserve Champion Long Hair with cat Smokey. Showmanship honors in Junior Division: 1st: Abigail Starn, 2nd Caleb Starn, 3rd Madison Grover and in Senior Division: 1st Sydney Alstoft and 2nd McKenna King.



Long haired cat Smokey was checked out by the judge as owner McKenna King, at left, look on.



Brayden Wickey's short haired cat Steve was being "judged" by Judge Amelia from Whitley county.

## POULTRY



Kole Kiefer won Grand Champion Exhibition Chicken. (Photo provided)



Lane McClure, left, had Reserve Champion Commercial Egg and Kammy Miller won Champion.



Madelyn Platt won reserve Grand Champion Meat Chicken.



Kammy Miller won Grand Champion Commercial Egg Layer.



Abigail Starn won Champion Commercial Layer — All Other Eggs.



Sydney Alstoft, left, won Reserve Grand Champion Exhibition Chicken and Reserve Champion Bantam Chicken.



Caleb Starn won Champion Commercial Egg Layer — Brown Egg and Reserve Grand Champion Commercial Egg Layer.



Kammy Miller won Champion Commercial Egg Layer — White Egg.



POULTRY



Veteran Showmanship winners were Kammy Miller, first, and Ian Todd, second.



Senior Showmanship winners were Cowen Miller, third; Caleb Starn, first; and Sydney Alstoft, second.



Junior Showmanship winners were Lane McClure, second; Abigail Starn, first; and Colton Caldwell, third.



Kole Kiefer won Champion Turkey. (Photo provided)



Makenzie Fuess won Grand Champion Meat Chicken and Champion Broiler.



Madelyn Platt won Champion Roaster.



Ian Todd won Champion Exhibition Chicken.



Kammy Miller won Champion and Reserve Champion Pigeon.

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## SHEEP



Gracie Rinkenberger stands with her Grand Champion Breeding Ewe. Also pictured are Lila Kaehr, Rosie Rinkenberger, Rich Walburn, Jack Kaehr and Livia Kaehr.



Bailee Moore exhibited the Grand Champion Market Lamb. Also pictured are Rodney Knittel, Emma Jacobs, Caden Moore and Brooklyn Moore.



Gracie Rinkenberger exhibited the Champion Natural Colored. Also pictured are Lila Kaehr, Livia Kaehr, Rosie Rinkenberger and Jack Kaehr.

## BEEF



Cash Rumble stands with his Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer. Assisting him is Grant Rumble, left.



Sebastian Couch stands with his Champion Angus Heifer. Assisting him is Audrey Sweeden, left.



Bailee Moore stands with her Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb and Champion Blackfaced Crossbreed. Also pictured are Rodney Knittel, Emma Jacobs, Caden Moore and Brooklyn Moore.



Caroline Ripperger stands with her Third Overall Market Animal. Assisting her is Hallie Mounsey, left.



Erika Beavans stands with her Grand Champion Starter Beef. Assisting her is McKenzie Huffman, left.



Hayden Slusher exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe. Also pictured are Jacob, Brayden, Reagan and Natalie Slusher.



**SHEEP**



Annie Herr stands next to her Champion Home Grown and Champion Dorset. Assisting is Hayden Slusher.



Josiah Bricker stands next to his Champion Dorset Advantage.



Joshua Bricker exhibited the Champion Dorset Ewe.



Gabe Ball exhibited the Champion Rate of Gain and the Reserve Natural Color. Assisting is Dane Schlagenhauf.



Gabe Ball exhibited the Champion White Faced Crossbread. Assisting is Dane Schlagenhauf.



Gabe Ball stands next to his Champion Shropshire. Assisting is Emma Ball.

**DOGS**



Denessa Reinhard and her dog took Senior Dog Showman honors as well as 1B Obedience Champion.



Rachel Hoag, at left was Junior Showman Champion and 2B Obedience Champion while Delayna Reinhard was Grand Champion in Obedience.



Shelby Kaehr and her dog took Junior Showman honors, 1A Obedience Champion and Grand Champion Obedience honors.

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## SHEEP



Beginner Sheep Showmanship winners were, from left, Hayden Slusher, first; Annie Herr, second; and Lakota Todd, third.



Junior Sheep Showmanship winners were, from left, Hayden Slusher, first; and Emma Ball, second. Braxton Sweeden, third, is not pictured.



Senior Sheep Showmanship winners were, from left, Audrey Sweeden, first; Bailee Moore, second; and Gracie Rinkenberger, third.

## BEEF



Hunter Wenger stands with his Grand Champion Market Animal, Champion Crossbred Steer and Champion County Grown Steer. Assisting him is Aubrey Wenger, left, Cooper Jenkins and Hunter Wenger.



Marianne Pease stands with her Champion Shorthorn Heifer. Assisting her is Sophia Meeks, left.



Erika Beavans stands with her Champion Maine-Angus Heifer. Assisting her is Karen Marshall, left, Chloe Tafflinger, McKenzie Huffman, Dustin Young, Kevin Ramseyer, Sydney Ramseyer and Eric Beavans.



Grant Rumble stands with his Third Overall Breeding Heifer. Assisting him is Cash Rumble, left.



Caroline Ripperger stands with her Champion Hereford Heifer. Assisting her is Hallie Mounsey, left



Caroline Ripperger stands with her Third Overall Starter Beef. Assisting her is Hallie Mounsey, left.



PROJECTS



Front, from left, Andre Neuenschwander, Reserve Champion Foods; Madelyn Platt, Reserve Champion Child Development; Keaton Carroll, Reserve Champion Construction Toys; Rylee Carroll, Reserve Champion Consumer Clothing; Gretchen Prible, Champion Scrapbook; Ava Bailey, Reserve Grand Champion Dog Poster; Avery Neuenschwander, Champion Foods; and back, from left, William Platt, Reserve Grand Champion Health, Reserve Grand Champion Shooting Sport; Clay Brubaker, Champion Electric; Audrey Brubaker, Champion Scrapbook; Rachel Hoag, Reserve Champion Preserved Foods; Emma Bailey, Reserve Champion Rabbit Poster; Alivia McClain, Champion Cake Decorating, Grand Champion Junior Fashion Review, Reserve Champion Sewing Non-Wearable Junior, Champion Sewing Wearable Junior; Graham Oswalt, Reserve Grand Champion Electric.



Front, from left, Grace Bolts, Grand Champion Sewing Non-Wearable Junior, Grand Champion Sewing Wearable Junior; Raven Mounsey, Champion Sewing Non-Wearable Junior; Jaycee Carroll, Reserve Grand Champion Consumer Clothing, Reserve Champion Gift Wrapping; Illiyana Sailors, Grand Champion Sewing Non-Wearable Senior, Reserve Champion Foods Preserved; Preston Sailors, Reserve Grand Champion Foods Preserved, Champion Models, Reserve Champion Sewing Non-Wearable Junior; back, from left, Bristol Smith, Reserve Champion Fine Arts; Marcus Denney, Grand Champion Lawn and Garden Safety, Reserve Champion Sport Fishing, Champion Tractor Safety, Reserve Champion Dog Poster; Elsa Franks, Champion Foods; Corbin Behning, Reserve Champion Aerospace, Reserve Champion Construction Toys, Reserve Grand Champion Models; Mason Wells, Grand Champion Alfalfa, Reserve Grand Champion Aerospace, Reserve Champion BBQ, Champion Beekeeping, Reserve Grand Champion Child Development, Reserve Grand Champion Collections, Champion Dog Poster, Reserve Champion Entomology, Grand Champion Llama and Alpacha Poster, Champion Garden Education, Champion Horse and Pony Poster, Reserve Grand Champion Sport Fishing, Reserve Grand Champion Strawberry, Reserve Champion Vet Science, Reserve Grand Champion Weather, Champion Wildlife, Champion Poultry Poster.



Front, from left, Easton Okey, Reserve Champion Fine Arts; Layton Okey, Reserve Champion Alfalfa; Zoey Boyer, Champion Floriculture; Matthew Rekweg, Champion Electric; back, from left, Ethan Schwartz, Reserve Champion Electric; Elias Nussbaum, Champion Fine Arts; Braelyn Boyer, Champion Fine Arts, Reserve Grand Champion Photography; Abigail Zaklikiewicz, Reserve Champion Foods.



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## HORSE &amp; PONY



Avery Elmore won Overall Keyhole Champion.



Avery Elmore won Overall Speed and Action.



Camryn Hamilton won Overall Flags.

## BEEF



Lillia Paxson stands with her Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal and Reserve Champion County Grown Market Animal. Assisting her is Elijah Paxson, left, and Kenzie Paxson.



Kenzie Paxson stands with her Champion Commercial Heifer. Assisting her is Eve McElhaney, left.



Kenzie Paxson stands with her Reserve Grand Champion Starter Beef. Assisting her is Lillia Paxson, left.



Senior Showmanship awards were, from left to right, Grant Rumble, second; Kenzie Paxson, first; and Cash Rumble, third.



Junior Showman awards were, from left to right, Marianne Pease, third; Creed Kober, first; and Elijah Paxson, second.



Beginner Showmanship awards were, from left to right, Jalyynn Biberstine, second; Peyton Slusher, first; and Brayden Wickey, third.



MEAT GOATS



Ryland Lease won Grand Champion A.O.B. Meat Goat.



Hazel Leas won Reserve Grand Champion A.O.B. Meat Goat.



Bailey Moore won Reserve Champion Market Doe.



Charlene Felger won Champion Beginner Showman; Jimmy Robbins assists with the banner.



Samantha Evans won Reserve Chamber Yearling Meat Doe.



Samantha Evans won Grand Champion Born and Raised Meat Goat.



Samantha Evans won Champion Senior Meat Doe.



Clark Evans won Reserve Champion Senior Meat Doe.



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## MEAT GOATS



Clark Evans won Champion Born and Raised Breeding Doe.

## MEAT GOATS



Fletcher Wenger won Champion Meat Goat Wether and Grand Champion Market Meat Goat.



Samantha Evans won Champion Meat Goat Mother/Daughter.



Bailey Moore won Champion Market Doe.



Bailey Moore won Grand Champion Meat Doe.



Fletcher Wenger won Reserve Champion Meat Goat Wether.



Jaxson Nusbaumer won Beginner Showmanship, and Jesston Nusbaumer assists.



Junior Showmanship winners were Westin Miller, third; Garrett Reed, second; and Clark Evans, first.



Senior Showmanship winners were Jimmy Robbins, third; Fletcher Wenger, second; and Bailey Moore, first.



ROYAL SHOWMANSHIP



Bailee Moore took home the victory in a tough and tight Royal Showmanship competition at the 4-H fair. Moore, pictured left, represented meat goats. Shown above is this year's Royal Showmanship group, from left, Yasmine Tucker (dairy), Baylee Sliger (swine), Kenzie Paxson (beef), Moore, Ella Wheeler (dairy goat), Audrey Sweeden (sheep) and Hunter Wenger (dairy beef). Moore competes below.



PARADE



Pictured at left are the parade Grand Marshals, Helen Witte, Rhonda Flesch, Darlene Fiedler and Cindy Meyer. The women have served the hospitality meal during the annual auction for over 20 years. Eve McElhane is pictured in the parade below as a contestant for the Miss Wells County pageant. She was crowned the following Monday alongside Miss Wells County Teen Sophia Meeks. Also shown are several 4-H club floats, the Chester Chargers Club (top), Jackson Jaguars Club (above) and Liberty Happy-Go-Lucky Club (below, at left)





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