



Thirty—six Chase County 4—H members participated in the 2013 Nebraska State Fair held recently in Grand Island, reports Extension staff members Kimberly Cook, Nancy Frecks and Robert Tigner.

In addition to their 120 placings, several youth received special honors during the State Fair. Chase County won first place in the Goat Herdsmanship Contest for small groups. Lauren Prior finished as Reserve Champion in Intermediate Goat Showmanship.

Hayley Vitosh's photo of a bee on a sunflower was chosen to be part of a special display for the UNL Extension and CASNR Dean's offices.

Kendall Prior's Owl Quilt was selected to be included in the Robert Hillestad Textile Gallery and her quilt will be one of 30 displayed in the Celebration of Youth Exhibition in the Robert Hillestad Gallery in Lincoln Sept. 30 through Oct. 26. It was also selected for the Outstanding Quilt Award in Class 50—52 Level I.

Receiving Rainbow Ribbon Special Recognitions were Andrea Hogsett for her pencil drawing, Dustin Holmes for his dried fruit and angel food cake, Brooklyn Christensen for her specialty bread, Hayley Vitosh for her "Best Buy for Your Buck" notebook, Morayah Cupp for her acorn squash, Elizabeth Tomky for her wood science patio cooler and Cody Holmes for his russet potatoes.

The State Public Speaking Contest was held during the State Fair. The top four regional winners in the speech and PSA divisions were chosen to participate in the state contest. Hayley Vitosh and Amanda Grassia were the in the top four of the West Central Region and both received blue ribbons at the State Contest.

