

KDS Students Participate in 4H Livestock Competitions

4-H club members from KDS performed well during the Chick Chain Show and Auction as well as the Market Lamb project.

Students spent 20 weeks raising pullets as part of the 2017 Marshall County 4-H Chick Chain project. The purpose of the 4-H Chick Chain is to create an opportunity for young people to develop skills in poultry management, business management, and record keeping as well as learn to produce healthy chickens. As a result of this positive educational experience, the 4-H participants were able to further realize the value of accomplishment.

4-H members met at the Marshall County 4-H Chick Chain Show and Auction at the Boaz VFW Fairgrounds Sept. 14. They each brought two of their best pullets for judging at the show. After the chickens were judged, they were then auctioned off to the highest bidder with 100 percent of the proceeds going back to the young growers to help with their production costs.



(left) Reserve Champion Showman, as well as Intermediate Showmanship went to Katie Randles for her Buff Orpington pullet.



(right) Amberleigh Schrimsher won first place in several categories as well as Reserve Champion Pen.

Students spent 16 weeks raising lambs as part of the 2017 Alabama 4-H Market Lamb project. The purpose of the 4-H Market Lamb project is similar to that of the Chick Chain: to create an opportunity for youth to develop skills in sheep management, business management, and record keeping and to learn to produce healthy lambs.

4-H members met at the Alabama 4-H Market Lamb Show at the Morgan County Fairgrounds Sept. 23. They each brought their market lamb for judging at the show. Each 4-H member has the opportunity to directly market his lamb to a buyer or sell at auction.

The competitions turned out to be family activities for two families at KDS...



Landon Black (left) won Grand Champion Lamb, Reserve Champion Showman and first place in Junior (B) Showmanship and Heavy Weight.

Landon's sister Breanna Black won Reserve Champion Lamb, Grand Champion Showman, and first place in Intermediate Showmanship and Middle Weight.



Twin sisters Khloe (left) and Katie (right) Randles showed both lambs and chicks.

Katie placed 3rd and Khloe placed 4th in the Junior (B) Showmanship with Katie's lamb placing 2nd in the light weight and Khloe's placing 3rd in the middle weight categories.

The twins' parents are familiar faces at KDS as well. Their dad is KDS maintenance supervisor Scott Randles and their mom is KDS pre-k teacher Stephanie Randles.