

Those 4-Hers are really something to crow about!

Blue-Ribbon youth were on full display at the Putnam County 4-H Fair last weekend...

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...living up to their T-shirts. I've been working here for weeks, setting up, painting.

Moira McNerney

I'm a Youth Leader so I slept at the fair overnight. We have a campfire.

Mischief keeps stepping on me. One time, we were supposed to lead the horses past the judges. I couldn't move because she was standing on my foot. (You can't touch a horse during judging.)

We still won Grand Reserve.

Emily Rusinko

Mischief

4-H Horse Club is about managing a horse--grooming, watering, feeding--and how to take care of the barn.

Courtney Smith

Serpico

We learn about breeds, types of hay and tack-- taking a bridle apart and putting it back together.

Tee-nee!

... then lose the "Ball and Spoon Mini Horse Relay Race" in the afternoon.

4-H life skills come in handy when you ace "Horsemanship" in the morning...

Jenny

Courtney went on to win Overall Grand Champion and Outstanding 4-Her!

Inbetween events she judged the Livestock Costume Show.

I wore the same costume last year on Halloween.

Finn Keenan won the Championship with his sheep.

Snickerdoodle as "Space Cowboy!"

4-H Media Production Club's success story, Sergio Zygmunt, got hands on experience. He went on to found the tech company that wired these very fairgrounds.

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The fair was chockablock with the next generation of 4-Hers.

They were learning, too.

PUTNAM 4-H EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Don't stick your fingers in the cage. She'll think they're worms.