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Championship livestock

Local 4-H'ers compete at state level

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The past few weeks have been a busy time for many 4-H'ers involved in the sheep and beef projects. They have spent all spring and summer selecting, feeding and working the perfect show animals. Recently, the group had the opportunity to show off all its hard work at the 2018 Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo.

The Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo kicked off the summer with the Sheep Expo. Over 170 exhibitors representing 47 counties from across Tennessee converged in Cookeville to show their project lambs. Exhibitors competed in the registered breeding ewe division, commercial ewe division, market lamb division, showmanship, and skill-a-thon.

Warren County was represented by KeyLe Rhea, Conner Smith, Haley Smith, Karley Warner and TJ Warner.

While at Sheep Expo, Warren County 4-Hers earned several blue ribbons. TJ Warner placed first in the senior level I showmanship division, and Karley Warner exhibited the Grand Champion white face cross market lamb. KeyLe Rhea also exhibited the Grand Champion farm bred black face cross yearling ewe, and was the fourth overall Premier Exhibitor in the junior high division.

Haley and Conner Smith placed in the

top 10 in their respective weight classes. Warren County 4-H'ers also exhibited the first place Commercial Ewe County Group of Five and Market Lamb County Group of Five.

The Beef Expo was the next big show in conjunction with the Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo. Over 247 exhibitors from 52 counties from across the state gathered in Murfreesboro to exhibit their heifers and steers.

The 4-H'ers had the opportunity to exhibit animals in the registered heifer division, commercial heifer division, market steer division and dairy steer division. They also competed in showmanship classes and a skill-a-thon con-

Warren County was represented by Marcie Pope, Abe Rogers and Hayden Spears. Abe placed first with his Simmental heifer in the early spring class of the registered Simmental division. Hayden placed first with his Hereford heifer in the summer yearling class of the registered Hereford division. Marcie placed in the top ten in her respective weight classes.

Överall Warren County 4-H'ers have had a great start to their summer showing season. If you are interested in becoming active in 4-H please contact Emily Mote or Shay Davis at UT-TSU Extension Warren County 473-8484



Abe Rogers with his first-place Simmental heifer exhibited at the Beef Expo held in conjunction with the Tennessee Junior Livestock Expo in Murfreesboro.



Showing their Market Lamb County Group of Five award are, from left, Karley Warner, Parker Saum of McNairy County, TJ Warner, Emily Nave of Rutherford County and KeyLe Rhea.



Karley Warner concentrates to present her ewe in the commercial weight class.



Hayden Spears in the Explorer Showmanship Class.



Warren County 4-H'er Marcie Pope placed in the top 10 at the Beef Expo.





