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## Results From The 2012 Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days



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Paige List was one of the many Yankton County 4-H members who competed in last weekend's annual Achievement Days event held at the 4-H Grounds. The results of the 2012 event are published in this section.



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Judge Matt Gunderson (left) checks out the features of an entry at Saturday's livestock show during Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days. Gunderson, a Mission Hill native, competed as a Yankton County 4-Her while growing up and now serves as executive vice president of the Knights of Aksarben Foundation in Omaha, Neb.

## Judge Gets Back To His Roots

Mission Hill Native, Former 4-Her Comes Home To Judge At Achievement Days

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Matt Gunderson felt right at home while judging livestock at the Yankton County 4-H Achievement Days last weekend.

Then again, it was a homecoming in more ways than one.

"I grew up near Mission Hill, and I competed in Yankton County 4-H. I was in 4-H for 12 years and showed livestock," he said. "It's been great to come back to the program that helped develop me."

Gunderson now lives in Omaha, where he serves as executive vice president for the Knights of Aksarben Foundation. In his current position, he works with sponsorship fundraising and scholarship stock.

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tion and the second largest rodeo show in the nation," he said.

Gunderson enjoys coming up the road to check out the current crop of Yankton County 4-Hers.

"It's an honor to be able to judge Yankton

County," he said. "I was asked to judge last year. This year, I judged sheep and goats along with the round robin sheep."

Both in the ring and during a *Press & Dakotan* interview, Gunderson said he liked what he saw when it came to sheep entries.

"I'm really glad to see that Yankton County's sheep numbers are back up," he said. "Yankton County has historically been known for its strong lamb shows. It's something that started with strong producers and has progressed through time."

But this year's sheep show displayed quality as well as quantity, Gunderson said.

"Yankton County has been known for representing a high quality of livestock exhibits, partic-

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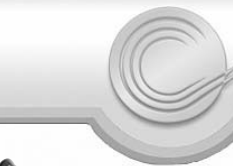


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