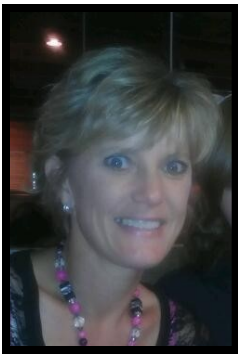


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Learning life skills while developing life virtues and tools and being positively surrounded by the people I live with is how I describe what 4-H means to me. My experience in 4-H taught me so much. First working with my projects taught me several life skills. With my cattle, I learned how to evaluate and select for quality, and then feed, fit, and compete with them in an atmosphere where I had fun doing it. In my other projects I learned how to cook, bake, sew, crochet and present what I made focusing and organizing every big and little detail in a fun yet competitive environment. I still use most of the previously mentioned skills today and proudly remember the fun and hard work it took to learn them. Additionally the 4-H program was and is structured to grow members into becoming leaders in their clubs and communities and develop their citizenship, cooperation, and organization skills. Through our county and state 4-H program I got the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. and learn a lot more about citizenship and the virtues our nation was founded upon. On that same trip I met kids from other counties in our state that I am still friends with today. The relationships I have developed on the local, county, state, and national levels with other members and leaders and Extension have been priceless.