



Molly Cooksey

Molly is the daughter of Jeff and Amy Cooksey of Roggen, CO. She is a 13-year member of Magic Spurs 4-H Club and was involved in breeding/market beef, home environment and, foods and nutrition. She is a freshman at Northeastern Junior College pursuing a career as an embryo transfer technician. She was a member of phi Theta Kappa honor society, Weld Central FFA, National Honor Society, to name a few. Her course work the first year at Northeastern has helped her to realize that her decision to major in Animal Science last year is pointing her in the right direction that she would like to go. As Molly progresses, it is her plan to get her associates degree and then transfer to CSU for her Bachelor's. She plans to focus her pursuit in animal science in the area of beef reproduction which will help her in reaching her goal of becoming a beef embryo transfer technician and reproduction specialist.

When she looks back on her time in 4-H, she calls it a success. As the famous soccer player Pele' described it is: "Success is no accident, it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do. Molly's projects and she have grown from an anxious little girl nervously showing her cattle and home economics projects at the SE Weld County Fair to competing with poise and confidence with several projects at the Colorado State Fair.

Molly was fortunate to have good leaders and older members to look up to leading the 4-H club when she was younger. It helped her to want to be like them and leave the club steadily improving just as they did. She has served as Vice-President, Secretary and Reporter.

She was very humbled and thrilled when she won the Mitch Bowman award for beef sportsmanship, which is an award voted on by 4-H peers given in memory of the 4-H member who lost his life too soon. He lived his life humbly always supporting others. To win this award was very emotional for Molly and her family. Success! There it was, and as the old saying goes; "Success is not based in our winning or losing, but how we played the game." She has been blessed to have gotten to learn lifelong lessons in her projects, been surrounded by very supportive people who unselfishly have given to see her succeed and led her to so many opportunities in 4-H to which she is very thankful.

Molly Cooksey is the recipient of the Weld County 4-H Family & Consumer Science Scholarship