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Paulding County youths had a great showing at the 2013 Ohio State Fair in Columbus July 24-Aug. 4. This year, 4-H had 18 different projects representing Paulding County at the Ohio State Fair. Members exhibited a variety of different projects from cooking to hogs and even rockets.
Still project participants were selected at the county fair during their judging to represent the county at the state level. Members advancing to the state level were:
Christine Clapsaddle for her cake decorating project
Aleyah Cline for her food and nutrition project "I Spy in the Kitchen"
Noah Cline for his woodworking project "Nailing It Together"
Jacob Klopfenstein competed at the Ohio State Fair with his Rockets Away project
Matthew Klopfenstein earned a spot at the Ohio State Fair for his Robotics Master project, One on One Leadership project, Workforce Prep and as a member of the Capitol Challenge

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- Estee Miller competed with her Self-Determined project
- Kate Oberlin took her Robotics 1 project
- Julianne Roop showed off her clothing project "Sew Fun"
- Eric Thornell took his electricity project "Magic of Electricity."

At the state level, each project is eligible for two awards. The top 20 percent of each category receives an "Outstanding of the Day" ribbon and the top award is given to the best individual who will receive the Clock Trophy.

Members receiving "Outstanding of the Day" included Aleyah Cline, Jacob Klopfenstein and Matthew Klopfenstein.

Paulding County had one Clock Trophy winner and that went to Matthew Klopfenstein for his Robotics Master Project.

Luke Spangler exhibited cattle at the fair, placing third in his class with his Shorthorn Heifer.

Austin Dangler and Olivia Cramer showed hogs during the fair. Olivia placed third in her class with her hog.

Jalynn Parrett showed her goats at the Ohio State Fair, placing third in Jr. Showmanship and

winning Reserve Champion Junior Percentage Doe.

Two horse exhibitors represented Paulding County: Molly Meeker and Autumn Banks. Autumn placed fifth in Western Showmanship, sixth in Western Horsemanship, and sixth in Western Pleasure.

Great job to everyone at the 2013 Ohio State Fair. We are all very proud of your accomplishments and for being a great representation of Paulding County at the state level.