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News Release

Making the Best Better

It is never easy to part with truly great friends. As hard as it is, sometimes it must be done. I have had to say goodbye to two of our St. Clair County 4-H'ers who are headed off to college. Ethan Parker and Kaitlin Crenshaw both graduated in May and are setting off for the college life.

Ethan and Kaitlin have been very instrumental in the success of the St. Clair County 4-H program over the past three and a half years. They have been my "go-to" members since I came on board with 4-H. They have taught programs, volunteered to clean up, carried countless bags and boxes for events, helped teach younger 4-H'ers the ropes, served as council members, officers, and ambassadors. They have done every 4-H project imaginable. I could always count on them to create outstanding projects as well as be a model representative of our county.

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell them how much I appreciate them and all the hard work they put into our 4-H program. They really took ownership of the program and their club and served them both well. Ethan and Kaitlin conclude their 4-H careers with a pile of awards, ribbons, trophies, trips and, I hope, memories.

As for a "legacy," they both have shown outstanding leadership skills and been great examples for 4-H'ers coming up. We have several youth that have taken the lead and will continue with the example set by Ethan and Kaitlin.

Ethan, the son of Jan and Tim Parker of Odenville, will be attending UAB and is still undecided on his major. He is leaving his possibilities open. Kaitlin, the daughter of Robin and Ronnie Crenshaw of Pell City, is attending Pensacola Christian College majoring in Education. She hopes to be an elementary or middle school teacher.

From all of us at the St. Clair County Extension Office and Alabama 4-H, we wish them well and hope to have them back as volunteers! Keep striving to "Make the Best Better."

