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### **They're Kind of a Big Deal - in Small Packages**

From barbeque pits to goose-neck trailers, these 4-H and FFA members take time out of their day to build Ag Mechanics projects so that they can exhibit their skills to public. One FFA chapter stands out from the rest - Bellevue FFA. The members of this chapter know how to weld, to paint, to grind and to cut metal, no matter how young they are. Walking through all the projects here at the 2009 State Fair of Texas, members from this chapter will approach you and ask you to look at their projects. They are our leaders of tomorrow!

John Hanson, 13, built a gate for his grandmother by using welders and plasma cutters. Hanson said that learning how to use all the equipment was easy for him.

"It just comes natural," he said.

Siblings' Brandt Cassetty, 13, and Devon Cassetty, 11, also built Ag Mechanics projects that they brought. Brandt built a hydraulic post driver and Devon built a table for her rabbits; you can convey that this is not their first rodeo. They have documentation that proves the work that they have done and displays pictures of the work in progress. The tools that they worked with are as follows: a cut off saw, a speed square, a sander, a grinder, a propylene torch and a drill.

"It has gotten easier to understand how to use the right tool, especially since I have been doing this since the third grade, Brandt said.

From a person who has worked on equipment with hydraulic systems point of view, a great advisor has taught these young people, because hydraulics can be a complicated matter.

Ethan Cantrell, 14, welded together a three-point sprayer for his project.

The support the Bellevue FFA chapter has from their community is remarkable! Majority of their community comes out to the shows whether they come to help haul the projects or they come to just cheer the kiddos on, they are there!

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