Projects vs. Exhibits

Project Area:
A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H’er enrolls, studies, learns, keeps records and perhaps, exhibits. A 4-H’er can complete work in a project area without exhibiting at the county fair.
- Project Area examples: food and nutrition, visual arts, and photography.
- A complete list of project areas in which 4-H'ers may enroll can be found in the Pick-A-Project publication.

Exhibit:
A 4-H exhibit is an item created resulting from project work. The 4-H’er may choose to bring the exhibit to Achievement Day and then display the exhibit during the fair. The exhibit will be evaluated by a judge during Achievement Day and put on display during the fair.

A 4-H exhibit should be the best example the 4-H'er has to showcase knowledge or skills gained by working throughout the year in a given project area.

4-H Exhibit examples:
- Plate of muffins
- Display box with comparison of homemade versus purchased granola bars
- Poster displaying food safety information
- Clay pot
- Watercolor painting
- Portfolio of charcoal drawings showing examples of practicing drawing techniques
- Mounted photograph
- Matted photography series
- Poster explaining computer enhancement techniques
- Exhibit possibilities are limitless
- Clay County 4-H members should refer to the 4-H Static Exhibit section of the Clay County Fair for exhibit rules