

Kelley Fisher

Hey there! My name is Kelley Fisher. I'm sixteen years old, and I attend Central High School as a junior this year. Before I get to the good stuff, I'd like you to know a little bit about me. I come from a military family, so I haven't always lived in the wonderful state of Wyoming. I was born in Wisconsin in a little town called Eau Claire. Yep, I proudly call myself a "cheesehead", and I proudly support the Green Bay Packers (even without Brett Favre) After living in Wisconsin for less than a year, my mom was transferred to Layton, Utah. We lived there for approximately four and a half years, and then moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where we have now lived for almost nine years.

Living in many different states and experiencing things that most kids could never dream of has given me an extremely good perspective of the world and how diverse it really is. The variety of cultures and lifestyles here in America is like comparing sugar to salt. Now I don't mean some are sweet and some are salty, I mean that there are no two lifestyles that are exactly alike. People can be whoever they want to be and do whatever they want to do. I feel that the experiences I have accumulated throughout my life have propelled me forward into leadership positions within organizations such as 4H and FFA. As a non-native to Wyoming, many people would think I don't understand the lifestyle of your typical agriculturist. In reality though, ever since I moved here I've been soaking up the western lifestyle. Ever since I moved here, I can finally completely understand a culture to its full extent, traditions and everything. Ever since I moved here, I've felt a strong, motivating purpose for myself. And that purpose is being a part of this great western culture and keeping it strong for days to come.

I am going on my eighth year in the 4H organization. For all of those years, I have been in the Knot-N-Trot club. I've served in several officer positions, including Secretary, Vice President, and President. I am again serving as president of the club this year, and I intend to create more structured meetings as well as promote more community service by setting an example for other clubs to follow. Our club performs many different forms of community service throughout the year. We've made blankets and donated them to Project Linus, collected items for Safehouse, volunteered at Mardi Gras, decorated leashes and donated them to the animal shelter, decorated cards and made cookies to hand out to the veterans on Veteran's Day, and volunteered our time at various horse shows. I've also been on the horse judging team, horse show planning committees, community service committees, and social committees. Also, our 4H club ran a smoothie stand at fair for two years and I actively participated in volunteering my time to help with that. Being in 4H has given me the opportunity to sharpen and define my leadership skills, and learn how to be an active member of the community. When I was a younger member in my first few years of 4H, I looked up to and adored the older, more experienced members. I admired their confident and charismatic personalities. Leaders, older members, and simply adults that I have met along the way have all contributed to the skills I now possess as an older member. I've worked with our horse leader, Kate Moran, in leading and helping our younger members at our club rides. In addition, I have been very active in many 4H projects such as horses, lambs, rope craft, woodcraft,

dogs, and rabbits. Horse is by far my favorite project, and the one I am most passionate about. I enjoy every part of it. I've showed at both County and State Fair, and I've qualified for and competed at State Fair every year since my first year as an Intermediate. I've participated in the Round Robin for the past four years, and have gained an immeasurable amount of knowledge from that experience. Not only have I showed many projects, but I also worked from the Laramie County Fair this summer as grounds crew and was able to see the grueling behind-the-scenes work that goes on to help make this event run as smoothly as possible.

As school, I am involved in many extracurricular activities. I played volleyball for two years and ran indoor track my freshman year, which I plan on doing again this year. I was also the varsity goalkeeper for the soccer team my sophomore year, and I plan on playing that again this year as well. I'm also a member of the High Plains FFA Chapter. I've been involved with FFA since 7th grade, beginning with the independent study. I've participated in horse showing, horse judging, creed speaking, and prepared speaking. Freshman year, I went all the way to the state level in the creed contest and was the only speaker from my chapter to make it that far. This year, I plan on being on the horse judging team, parliamentary procedure team, and marketing plan team. I also plan on running for a chapter office in the spring. Within the FFA I've done many various types of community service such as highway clean-up, collecting canned goods for the shelter, donating shoes for Soles for Souls, and serving at the Comea shelter. On top of all my extracurricular activities, I am a straight A student and have been since 7th grade. I have great ambitions and plan on having a 4.0 GPA my entire high school career. I care about my education, and take every opportunity I can in order to further it.