

## Local 4-H Club Members Sell Homemade Goods at Christmas Boutique

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The Canyon Coyotes 4-H Club organized a booth at the Acton Faith Bible Church Christmas Boutique on December 1, 2018. Many 4-H members from the club participated by contributing homemade goods. Members helped set up the booth at High Desert Junior High, and they talked to customers about their items.

The Nibbelink family of Agua Dulce prepared fresh rosemary sprigs, soft baby blankets, and homemade hot/cold packs. Teen 4-H member Olivia Nibbelink was enthusiastic about the opportunity to earn money from her projects. She said, "I think it encourages the kids to sell more and it creates confidence."

The Long family from Palmdale leads the 4-H bee project, and they contributed molded beeswax candles as well as preserved jellies and jams. Keaton Long, age 15, keeps tracks of his 4-H expenses throughout the year. He commented, "It helps kids want to create their own items and plan costs."

Numerous families took advantage of the opportunity to show off their wares. The Cook family from Acton sold drink mixes in a jar, homemade greeting cards, cloth polo wraps for horses, and homemade goat milk soap. A variety of sewn items such as fabric gift bags, homemade aprons, throw pillows, knitted hats, crocheted market bags, decorative art crafts, and costume items were added by the Kasperson family. Homemade canned goods from salsa and chutney to syrups and jellies were featured from the Stewart family of Leona Valley. The Sanchez family of Acton displayed handmade jewelry and sweet Christmas treats. The Boeker family, also of Acton, brought fresh potted lavender and geranium starter plants.



Akzila Neidhart and her mom Cathy, who help the 4-H Club by leading the sewing project, used scrap fabric to create little coin purses for sale. Akzila said, "It is fun to see the other 4-H members' crafts and projects!"

The event was highly successful, giving kids a chance to reap the reward of their work and tell the public about what they are learning.

**Captions:**

1. Canyon Coyotes 4-H organized a booth at the Acton Faith Bible Church Christmas Boutique on December 1, 2018. Pictured is Marc Boeker (adult volunteer who constructed the booth backdrop), and 4-H members Keaton Long, Noelle Long, Olivia Nibbelink and Madeline Nibbelink. Photo by Chrystal Long.

2. 4-H Club member Christian Cook helps set up his jar mix gifts for sale in the booth. The youth contributed many homemade items from sewn aprons and pillows to jewelry and canned preserves. Photo by Chrystal Long.