

STEUBEN COUNTY

4-H AWARDS PROGRAM



October 18, 2025
Howard Community Building
Avoca, NY

2025 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Welcome

Pledge to the American Flag

Presentation of Awards

Jenny Groen, 4-H Program Leader

Stephanie Waters, 4-H Program Educator

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Howard Community Building – for use of facilities.

4-H Leaders and parents who contribute in many numerous and different ways to the achievements of the 4-H members!!

Thank you, 4-H Volunteers,! ... 4-H volunteers make a difference in the lives of the 4-H youth in Steuben County! 4-H volunteers do this by using wood, thread, needles, saddles, cows, yeast, flower, sawdust and nails to create magic in the lives of youth and you are very good at what you do! The 4-H staff thanks you and salutes you!

Thank you notes are very important!! Please write a thank you note to each sponsor of your awards to show them your appreciation. Thank you!

2025 ANIMAL SCIENCE CLOVERBUD AWARDS

Steuben County Animal Science Cloverbuds are able to show a project animal at the 4-H Showcase. This recognition is for those Cloverbuds who exhibited their project animal at the 2025 4-H Showcase and turned in a record for that animal by the deadline. Please come forward to receive your award!

Goat- Matthew Grimaldi
Carli McCallum

Rabbit- Payton Brown
Matthew Grimaldi
Grayson Wallace

Horse –Skylar Chase
Kolton Cummings

Swine- Abigail Harrison

2025 CLOVERBUD MEMBER GRADUATION

Recognition is given to our Cloverbud members who were seven years old as of January 1, 2025, have completed a project and have graduated from the Cloverbud Program because for the 2024 – 2025 project year they will be a regular member! Please come forward when your name is called!

Bath Trailblazers:

Abigail Harrison
Matthew Grimaldi
Ryder Tempest

Country Bunch:

Arabella Lafler

Boots & Clover:

Selah Babcock
Ryleigh Fochler
Christian Walden
Ryker Winslow

Independent Members:

Barron Daley
Joshua Landry

Willing Workers:

Carli McCallum
Adalyn Wheeler

Country Bumpkins:

Jaydyn Tompkins

FIRST YEAR ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT COMPLETION

First year project completion awards are given to 4-H members who have completed their first 4-H Project Record, as a regular member for that species. Please come forward to receive your award

Poultry Projects

Addison Brewer
Wyatt Chase
Madeline Slayton
Audrey Waters
Willa Smith

Rabbit Projects

Jason Cross
Mackenzie Stewart
Audrey Waters
Aylexa Wilson

Horse Projects

Wyatt Chase
Jason Cross
Nicholas Cummings
Morgan Rook
Elizabeth Sadler
Caroline Slayton

Dairy Cattle Projects

Luke Place

Beef Projects

Sophia Brown
Lincoln Vetter

Cavy Projects

Audrey Waters

Swine Projects

Wyatt Chase

Dog Project

Rhys Meacham

Xavier Parsons

Meat Goat Projects

Natalie Brewer

Jason Cross

Mackenzie Stewart

Audrey Waters

Dog Program Recognition Awards

Sponsored and presented by Jackie Knoll

Payton Adriance

Alice Hargrave

Rhys Meacham

Xavier Parsons

Caroline Slayton

Sienna Smalt

Special Record Awards

Each year one record is chosen from each project area to receive a special award for being the best overall record. Please come forward to receive your award.

Leadership – Olivia Feely **Youth Building** – Lydia Walker **Sewing** – Ella Longwell **Flower Gardening** – Lydia Walker **Vegetable Gardening** – Caitlyn McKinley **Breeding Gilt** – Gwen Hargrave **Rabbit** – Alex McCarthy **Dairy** – Joshua Place **Market Beef**: Lincoln Vetter **Beef Breeding**- Raelyn Wheaton **Meat Goat Breeding** –Audrey Waters **Dairy Goat** –Mia McCallum **Market Goat**- Natalie Brewer **Dog** –Payton Adriance **Horse** – Coryn Edwards **Market Hog** –Wyatt Chase **Sheep Breeding** –Dryden Dickerson **Market Lamb**- Aimee Hurd **Market Rabbit**-Natalie Brewer **Market Turkey** –Wyatt Chase **Cavy** – Grace Potter **Shooting Sports** –Audrey Waters **Poultry** – Afton Babcock **Market Chicken** – Audrey Waters **Waterfowl**-Alexis Hurd

Outstanding Record Award

The following awards are sponsored by Farm Credit East. Those who received the special record award for each animal species are then put together & evaluated by the board of Farm Credit and a top record is chosen. After reviewing all of this year's top records, they elected to recognize an honorable mention record as well. These records were selected based on completeness, neatness, accuracy, and the knowledge displayed by the 4-H member.

Recipient of \$25: **Afton Babcock**
Honorable Mention \$10: **Joshua Place**

Superior Participant Award

This award recognizes a youth that participates in multiple projects throughout the year and submits records for each of these projects. Selection is based on the number of records submitted, the quality of each record, and knowledge and skills gained and displayed through the completion of each project.

Recipient of \$100:
Audrey Waters

2025 Showcase Recognition

The following awards were presented at the 2025 4-H SHOWCASE. We would like to take a moment again to recognize these outstanding achievements. Please stand when your name is called

2025 Steuben 4-H Showcase Supreme/Best in Show Exhibition Animal Awards

4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Goat – Koraline
Dininny

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Goat –
Koraline Dininny

4-H Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer – Joshua
Place

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Dairy Heifer-
Abigail Place

4-H Supreme Champion Gilt –Alice Hargrave

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Gilt – Gwen
Hargrave

4-H Supreme Champion Sheep – Trinity Daley

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Sheep – Aimee
Hurd

4-H Supreme Champion Meat Goat – Raelyn
Wheaton

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Meat Goat –
Alexis Hurd

4-H Supreme Champion Beef Heifer – Trinity
Daley

4-H Reserve Supreme Champion Beef Heifer-
Raelyn Wheaton

4-H Best in Show Rabbit – Aimee Hurd

4-H Reserve Best in Show Rabbit – Keegan
Folkemer

4-H Best in Show Cavy – Aimee Hurd

4-H Reserve Best in Show Cavy – Aimee Hurd

4-H Best in Show Poultry & Waterfowl – Alexis
Hurd

4-H Reserve Best in Show Poultry & Waterfowl –
Afton Babcock

4-H Dog Versatility Award – Caroline Slayton

4-H Horse Supreme High point Award – Adalynn
McDonald

2025 Steuben 4-H Showcase Grand/Reserve Market Animal Awards

4-H Grand Champion Market Chicken – Audrey
Waters

4-H Reserve Champion Market Chicken – Audrey
Waters

4-H Grand Champion Market Steer – Lincoln
Vetter

4-H Grand Champion Market Turkey – Willa Smith

4-H Reserve Champion Market Turkey- Addison
Brewer

4-H Grand Champion Market Rabbit – Sophia
Brown

4-H Reserve Champion Market Rabbit – Abygail
Dickerson

4-H Grand Champion Market Hog –Taylor Corey

4-H Reserve Champion Market Hog –Wyatt Chase

4-H Grand Champion Market Goat- Alexis Hurd

4-H Reserve Champion Market Goat –Natalie
Brewer

4-H Grand Champion Market Lamb – Aimee Hurd

2025 4-Her of the Day Award at 4-H Showcase

Thursday – Olivia O'Brien

Friday - Ethan Waters

Saturday – Grayson Wallace

2025 STEUBEN COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW HIGH POINTS

Our High Point and Reserve awards are based on points earned at 4-H qualifying horse shows and the Steuben County 4-H Showcase. These awards represent a year of equine sportsmanship and also require participation in a Horse Educational activity. More specific requirements are in the Steuben County 4-H Horse Show Rule packet. When your name is called please come forward to receive your award.

Wyatt Chase & Fancy Sunrise

WALK/TROT WESTERN RESERVE HIGH POINT

WALK/TROT GAMES RESERVE HIGH POINT

WALK/TROT VERSATILITY RESERVE HIGH POINT

Sophia Brown & Belle

NOVICE WESTERN HIGHPOINT

Ruby Havron & Jewel

JUNIOR WESTERN RESERVE HIGH POINT

JUNIOR GAMES HIGH POINT

JUNIOR VERSATILITY HIGH POINT

Caitlyn McKinley & TLC's Shes Got Da Spotz

MINIATURE HORSE HIGH POINT

DRIVING HIGH POINT

Adalynn McDonald & One Lone Wrangler

WALK/TROT HUNTSEAT HIGH POINT

WALK/TROT WESTERN HIGH POINT

WALK/TROT GAMES HIGH POINT

WALK/TROT VERSATILITY HIGH POINT

Madeline Slayton & Arby

JUNIOR WESTERN HIGH POINT

Sienna Smalt & Sun Rey San Peppy

SENIOR WESTERN HIGH POINT

SENIOR GAMES HIGH POINT

SENIOR VERSATILITY HIGH POINT

PACIFIC COWBOY MEMORIAL AWARD

The "Pacific Cowboy" Memorial Award is presented to the horse/rider combination with the most points over the most divisions in a single show season. "Cowboy" was a paint gelding who began his show career in Steuben County 4-H and competed for the next 12 show season with his girls. Together, he and his riders earned nearly 500 breed association points in everything from halter to dressage, western pleasure to over fences. "Cowboy" passed away very unexpectedly at 19 years old, only a few days before his first show of the season.

The VonHagn family sponsors this award not only to honor Cowboy's memory, but to honor the accomplishment of another 4-Her who has worked tirelessly to train, care for, and compete with their horse; who in the process, have developed a wonderful partnership with one another. The plaque will be housed in the CCE Office, so please be sure to leave it with a 4-H Staff person prior to leaving.

2025 Recipient: Adalynn McDonald & One Lone Wrangler

SUNNY AWARD

The "Sunny Award" is given to veteran 4-H horse that has been a 4-H project animal for various 4-H riders. These horses give years of service to the program for their riders, several aging easily into their twenties. Many serve from Cloverbud levels up through the Senior level, occasionally with more than one rider within a year. This is a perpetual trophy and has the names of all these honored horses on its faceplate. This year's recipient has served as a reliable mount for several 4-Her's in recent years both as a primary project animal and as a substitute project animal. This year he served as a steadfast Cloverbud mount but over the past few years has been a reliable mount for his riders at 4-H shows and other open horse shows in the area. Coryn, Tess, Skylar, please come forward to accept this award on behalf of all riders for this year's recipient is:

"You Don't Know Jake Zip"

County Project Champion Awards

Each year 4-H members are selected in a variety of project areas as county project winners based on their achievements in that project for the year. If a project record was required for the project including citizenship, youth building, clothing and textiles, leadership, vegetable gardening, flower gardening and all animal science projects then the record must have been completed to be eligible for project champion. County Project Champions are listed on the easels and are in the program available on our website or hard copy upon request.

Food & Nutrition

Project Champion
Claire McKinley

Honorable Mention
Caroline Slayton
Cole Meacham

Food Preservation

Project Champion

Honorable Mention
Wyatt Chase
Marie Landry

Clothing Revue

Project Champion
Mattie Deussenbery
Amelia Gleason
Gwen Hargrave

Sewing

Project Champion
Ella Longwell
Mia McCallum
Audrey Waters
Raelyn Weaton

Honorable Mention
Caroline Slayton
Ainsley Wallace

Wearable Art

Project Champion
Grace Potter
Hazel Walker
Audrey Waters

Child Development

Project Champion
Grace Potter

Fine Arts

Project Champion
Clara Longwell
Ella Longwell

Honorable Mention
Abigail Barrett
Caitlyn McKinley
Sienna Smalt
Lydia Walker
Mya Walker

Hobby Crafts

Project Champion
Sienna Smalt
Lydia Walker

Honorable Mention
Abigail Barrett
Madeline Slayton

Communication and Expressive Arts

Project Champion
Raelyn Wheaton

Honorable Mention
Isabelle Folckemer
Mia McCallum

Visual Arts/Photography

Project Champion

Honorable Mention
Caroline Slayton
Madeline Slayton

Environmental Education

Project Champion
Wyatt Chase

Honorable Mention
Jason Cross
Nicholas Cummings

Leadership

Project Champion
Olivia Feely
Amelia Gleason
Gwen Hargrave

Honorable Mention
Mattie Deusenbery
Grace Potter

Public Speaking

Project Champion
Madeline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Maggie Fodge
Ruby Havron
Claire McKinley
Caroline Slayton
Sienna Smalt

Welding

Project Champion
Grace Potter

Wood Science

Project Champion
Wyatt Chase
Audrey Waters

Honorable Mention
Sophia Brown

Horticulture

Project Champion
Claire McKinley
Caroline Slayton
Madeline Slayton
Lydia Walker

Honorable Mention
Caitlyn McKinley

Entomology

Project Champion
Caitlyn McKinley

Shooting Sports

Project Champion
Sophia Brown
Nicholas Cummings

Honorable Mention
Chistopher Landry
Morgan Rook

Dairy

Project Champion
Josh Place
Luke Place

Honorable Mention
Caroline Slayton
Madeline Slayton

Dairy Knowledge

Project Champion
Alice Gerow
Madeline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Abigail Waters
Ethan Waters
Caroline Slayton

Dairy Goat

Project Champion
Karoline Dininny

Honorable Mention
Reagan Babcock
Abigail Place

Goat Knowledge

Project Champion
Karoline Dininny
Abigail Place
Raelyn Wheaton

Honorable Mention

Dog

Project Champion
Alice Hargrave
Caroline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Payton Adriance
Xavier Parsons
Sienna Smalt

Dog Knowledge

Project Champion
Madeline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Alice Hargrave
Clara Longwell

Horse

Project Champion
Wyatt Chase
Sienna Smalt

Honorable Mention
Adalynn McDonald

Horse Knowledge

Project Champion
Jaiden Corbitt
Madeline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Wyatt Chase
Caroline Slayton

Market Chicken

Project Champion
Audrey Waters

Honorable Mention
Abigail Barrett
Willa Smith

Market Turkey

Project Champion
Addison Brewer
Willa Smith

Honorable Mention
Wyatt Chase

Poultry Breeding

Project Champion
Afton Babcock

Honorable Mention
Caroline Slayton

Waterfowl Breeding

Project Champion
Alexis Hurd

Poultry Knowledge

Project Champion
Caroline Slayton
Madeline Slayton

Honorable Mention
Alexis Hurd

Rabbit

Project Champion
Isabelle Folckemer
Keegan Folckemer
Alice Hargrave
Gwen Hargrave
Alexis Hurd
Audrey Waters

Honorable Mention
Payton Adriance
Aimee Hurd
Alex McCarthy
Mackenzie Stewart

Market Rabbit

Project Champion
Natalie Brewer
Abygail Dickerson

Honorable Mention
Sophia Brown
Dryden Dickerson

Cavy

Project Champion
Isabelle Folckemer
Alexis Hurd
Audrey Waters

Honorable Mention
Aimee Hurd
Grace Potter

Small Animal Knowledge

Project Champion
Isabelle Folckemer
Alice Hargrave
Aimee Hurd
Alexis Hurd
Audrey Waters

Honorable Mention
Gwen Hargrave

Beef Breeding

Project Champion
Trinity Daley
Raelyn Wheaton

Honorable Mention

Dairy Feeder Steer
N/A

Market Beef Steer

Project Champion
Lincoln Vetter

Honorable Mention
Sophia Brown

Market Heifer
N/A

Meat Breeding Goat

Project Champion
Raelyn Wheaton

Honorable Mention
Trinity Daley
Olivia O'Brien
Audrey Waters

Market Goat

Project Champion
Natalie Brewer
Alexis Hurd

Honorable Mention
Aimee Hurd

Market Hog

Project Champion
Wyatt Chase
Taylor Corey

Honorable Mention
Kaden Barrett
Keegan Folckemer

Swine Breeding

Project Champion
Alice Hargrave
Gwen Hargrave

Honorable Mention
Payton Adriance

Sheep Breeding

Project Champion
Trinity Daley
Aimee Hurd

Honorable Mention
Abygail Dickerson
Dryden Dickerson

Market Lamb

Project Champion
Aimee Hurd

Achievement

Achievement Project Champion Selection is based on an individual's accomplishments within the project year. Individuals in any 4-H project area are eligible for this award. When your name is called, please come forward to receive your award.

Project Champion

Lydia Walker – Addison Explorers
Raelyn Wheaton – Boots & Clover

Twin Tier Poultry Club Award

Sponsored by the Twin Tier Poultry Club

One recipient is chosen each year to receive the Twin Tier Poultry Club Award. This award is presented to a 4-H member who has shown a specific interest in the 4-H poultry project and is chosen from the eligible members based on their completion of their 4-H poultry or waterfowl record. This individual has participated in the Poultry exhibition project for multiple years and has participated in other local shows in addition to the 4-H Summer Showcase. This year's recipient is:

Afton Babcock

4-H on Display

This year clubs were asked to set up a display during National 4-H week. The displays were set up to raise awareness of the 4-H programs offered across Steuben County. Displays are evaluated on accuracy, creativity and visibility. We ask that any members and leaders present with us tonight please come forward to accept this award. This year's recipient is:

Barnyard Bandits 4-H Club

STATE FAIR AWARDS

The following awards are to recognize Steuben County 4-H Youth who represented the program at the 2025 New York State Fair. When your name is called please come forward to receive your award.

State Fair Teen Leader:

Alexis Hurd – Junior Superintendent

STATE FAIR YOUTH BUILDING

This year, Steuben County had 20 youth send youth building projects to the New York State Fair! From which 3 exhibits were Cloverbud exhibits, and 6 exhibits earned “exceptional exhibit” purple rosettes and one received a “best of fair” blue rosette!

Cloverbud Exhibits at State Fair were:

Carli McCallum
Skylar Chase
Matthew Grimaldi

State Fair Youth Building Exhibitors:

Abigail Barrett
Wyatt Chase
Clara Longwell
Ella Longwell
Mia McCallum
Caitlyn McKinley

Claire McKinley
Olivia O'Brien
Grace Potter
Caroline Slayton
Madeline Slayton
Sienna Smalt

Hazel Walker
Lydia Walker
Mya Walker
Audrey Waters
Raelyn Wheaton

State Fair Animal Exhibitors

Following certificates are presented tonight to youth who exhibited an animal or participated in an animal science knowledge contest at State Fair. When your name is called, please come forward to receive your award.

Cavy Exhibitors:

Isabelle Folckemer – Cavy Show, Cavy Decathlon

Alice Hargrave – Cavy Decathlon

Aimee Hurd – Cavy Show, Cavy Decathlon

Alexis Hurd – Cavy Show, Cavy Decathlon

Audrey Waters - Cavy Show, Cavy Decathlon

Dairy Exhibitors:

Abigail Place- Dairy Show

Joshua Place- Dairy Show

Dog Exhibitors:

Alice Hargrave - Dog Show, Cynology

Clara Longwell - Cynology

Caroline Slayton - Dog Show

Madeline Slayton - Cynology

Dairy Goat Exhibitors:

Karoline Dininny – Dairy Goat Show, Goat Bowl, Goat Judging, Goat Product ID, Goat Knowledge Olympics, Milk Production Contest, Goat Fitting Competition

Abigail Place – Dairy Goat Show, Goat Product ID, Milk Production Contest, Goat Fitting Competition

Livestock Contests:

Alice Hargrave – Livestock Skillathon, Livestock Judging

Gwen Hargrave –Livestock Skillathon, Livestock Judging

Poultry Contests:

Alexis Hurd – Chicken BBQ

Caroline Slayton – Poultry Science, Avian Bowl

Madeline Slayton – Poultry Science, Avian Bowl

Horse Exhibitors:

Jaiden Corbitt – Hippology, Horse Judging

Madeline Slayton – Hippology, Horse Judging

Meat Goat Exhibitors:

Aimee Hurd – Meat Goat Show

Alexis Hurd – Meat Goat Show

Raelyn Wheaton – Meat Goat Show, Goat Bowl, Goat Product ID, Goat Knowledge Olympics

Rabbit Exhibitors:

Isabelle Folckemer – Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Keegan Folckemer – Rabbit Show

Alice Hargrave- Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Gwen Hargrave- Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Aimee Hurd – Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Alexis Hurd – Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Audrey Waters- Rabbit Show, Rabbit Decathlon

Sheep Exhibitors:

Aimee Hurd – Sheep Show

Swine Exhibitors:

Alice Hargrave – Swine Show, Empire Swine Scholarship

Gwen Hargrave – Swine Show, Empire Swine Scholarship

National WHEP Contest Participants

Alexis Hurd

Alex McCarthy

Behind the Scenes

This award is presented to a deserving 4-H member that has done a lot of work “Behind the Scenes” and may not have received recognition. This is not only for work done at the 4-H Showcase but throughout the 4-H project year. This year’s recipient has been working “behind the scenes” at any 4-H events, county or club level that they were involved with. Each recipient has worked in a leadership role either in county or state events, helping plan, coordinate and guide activities for younger participants. Receiving a \$25 award this year are:

Isabelle Folckemer

Leahbella Quigley

4-H Leader Recognition

In recognition of all you do for the Steuben County 4-H Program!!!

4-H Leaders Are Special People! They are the backbone of the 4-H Program. A good leader is a person of principle, someone who is kind and considerate to others and serves as a model for youth - what they do and say is closely watched and often imitated by the youth in their care. A good leader sets a good example by practicing and believing the 4-H Creed. A good leader is fair and consistent, honest and ethical, and does what is right even if it means personal sacrifice. A good leader understands that the process of human growth and development is always more important than the success of a project or activity. Being a 4-H leader is a special job. Tonight, leaders are being recognized for their volunteering and service to the 4-H program. Special recognition is given this evening to leaders completing 5, 10, 15, and 50 years. When your name is called please stand to be recognized. In your club packet is an award in appreciation for your years of service.

5th Year Leaders

Ashlee Zschoche

10th Year Leader

Alissa Carey

15th Year Leader

Phil Zschoche

THANK YOU to all of the 4-H Leaders for A JOB WELL DONE!!!!!

Friend of 4-H Awards

4-H is proud to recognize a local business for their exceptional support of our program. In every successful youth program, there are people and businesses behind the scenes who quietly and consistently show up — not for recognition, but because they believe in investing in the next generation. The Annual Steuben County Friend of 4-H Award recipients were selected from a list of nominees throughout Steuben County and are presented to individuals and businesses who have excelled in their dedication to the Steuben County 4-H Youth Development program through the years and have earned the respect of 4-H members, families and leaders, as well as the community.

Friend of 4-H Individual

It's my great pleasure today to recognize someone who truly embodies the spirit of 4-H — someone who has dedicated over 20 years and hundreds of hours of their time, knowledge, and heart to helping young people grow and thrive through hands-on learning with animals of all kinds. Over the years, this individual has generously shared their time and expertise across multiple animal projects — from small animals to livestock, and everything in between. But perhaps most notably, she has served as the primary volunteer and instructor for our dog obedience program — a role that requires not only technical skill, but incredible patience, consistency, and compassion. Dog obedience might sound straightforward, but anyone who's been part of that program knows it's about so much more than teaching dogs to sit, stay, or heel. It's about guiding youth as they build confidence — not just in their handling skills, but in themselves. With a calm presence and a heart for teaching, she has helped countless youth and their canine companions grow into a strong, respectful team — and along the way, has helped those kids grow into leaders, learners, and lifelong animal lovers. So on behalf of our entire 4-H program — the members, families, fellow volunteers, and staff — we offer a heartfelt thank you. Thank you for your time, your talent, your leadership, and your unwavering belief in the power of youth development.

Please join me in recognizing and applauding one of our most dedicated volunteers – **Jackie Knoll**

Friend of 4-H Business

We are pleased to recognize the next recipient as a long-time supporter of the Steuben County 4-H Program and its members. Year after year, they have generously donated products that help our 4-H members care for and raise their animals. But their support doesn't stop at donations. They've gone a step further by actively purchasing animals from our 4-H Market Sale. For many of our 4-H'ers, that purchase represents more than just financial support — it's a vote of confidence, a moment of pride, and a lasting memory of someone who believed in them. Additionally, Country Crossroads has coordinated multiple hands-on, educational feed workshops, helping our youth and their families better understand animal nutrition, health, and care. And of course, they always go the extra mile by providing refreshments, making everyone feel welcome and valued. What sets Country Crossroads Feed & Seed apart is not just what they give, but how they give — with heart, with consistency, and with a deep-rooted belief in the importance of agriculture and youth development.

On behalf of our entire 4-H community — our members, our volunteers, our families — we say thank you. Thank you for being a pillar of support. Thank you for helping us grow leaders. Thank you for investing in a future that is brighter because of businesses like yours.

Please join me in recognizing and thanking **Country Crossroads Feed & Seed**

“I Dare You” Leadership Award

William Danforth was a successful businessman who dared young people to achieve their highest potential to influence others through lives of leadership and service. As a civic leader, he helped found the American Youth Foundation in 1925. The belief then, as it is today, is that each individual can make a difference. He was delighted to see talents developed and potential fulfilled. His challenge to all was to “be your own self and at your very best all of the time”. The “I Dare You” Leadership Award recognizes those who, with little encouragement, are ready to see themselves as leaders. We hope that the 4-H program instills this same challenge to 4-H members. This award is presented to:

Alexis Hurd – Steuben Explorers
Claire McKinley – Boots & Clover
Leahbella Quigley – Bath Trailblazers

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

Each year, we proudly recognize our Outstanding 4-H Members, celebrating the dedication and achievements of our youth. This year's award recipient has truly embodied the 4-H motto, “To Make the Best Better.” Through their commitment to clearer thinking, greater loyalty, larger service, and better living, they have exemplified the core values of the 4-H program. Their growth and contributions reflect the spirit of 4-H, inspiring their peers and positively impacting our community. We are thrilled to honor this exceptional individual for their hard work and passion! This year's award is presented to:

Sienna Smalt – Bath Trailblazers

4-H members who participated in the following events are receiving their appropriate sticker on their certificate which is in your club packet:

REGIONAL DAIRY BOWL

Dairy Quiz Bowl contests allow youth to showcase their knowledge of the dairy industry, ruminant nutrition, calf health, food safety, crops, and other relevant fields in a Jeopardy style team competition. These contests are offered at both the regional and state levels, at Beginner (8-10 years old), junior (9-14 years old), and senior (14-19 years old).

REGIONAL & STATE HIPPOLOGY

The Hippology Contests offer 4-H youth enrolled in the 4-H Horse Program the opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and reasoning ability in subject matter related to equine science and management in a competitive setting. Members may compete as an individual or part of a team. The contest involves identification, interactive stations, horse judging, written examinations and problem-solving.

REGIONAL & STATE HORSE BOWL

Quiz Bowl offers 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate their horse knowledge in a competitive setting. The Regional Contest has divisions for Novice, Junior, and Senior. Members compete as teams. Each team competes in several “Jeopardy-like” contests. Questions are presented by a moderator and answers are given by hitting a buzzer to indicate that you have the answer. Points are gained and lost based on the speed with which you come up with the answer and the accuracy of your responses.

REGIONAL & STATE HORSE COMMUNICATIONS

Horse Communications offers 4-H members the opportunity to demonstrate their horse knowledge and public speaking skills. Members can choose any topic to speak on, as long as it relates to the equine industry.

Honor Secretaries

The secretary of a club is a very important member, as he or she keeps the records of the club's business meetings, projects and special activities. The secretary must send six of the monthly reports to the CCE Office by the 10th of each month. Listed below are the honor secretaries.

Grace Potter

Club Seals of Achievement

A 4-H club can apply each year for a Seal of Achievement to be placed on the club's charter. The application can be found in the 4-H secretary's book. The requirements are easily met:

The club must hold 6 or more meetings and the secretary must keep minutes in the official secretary's book.
Every member must be registered in the County CCE 4-H Office in at least one project.
At least 60% of the club members must satisfactorily complete their project.

The following clubs applied for and are receiving seals of achievement.

Barnyard Bandits

Willing Workers Jr. Club

Willing Workers Sr. Club

Community Service Recognition

Special community service recognition is given each year to members who complete charitable service projects in their town or area. After completing a community service project, leaders are asked to please indicate members who completed the project and return the Community Service Record to the CCE Office at any time throughout the year. Listed below are the independent members and the clubs that had members complete a community service project. This year over 200 members completed at least one community service project. Each 4-H member who completed a community service project has it designated on their certificate which is in their club packet.

Bath Trailblazers
Blue Ribbon Roundup
Boots & Clover
Country Bumpkins

Country Critters
Creative Kids
Steuben Explorers
Willing Workers

4-H on Display Recognition

4-H clubs and independent members from throughout the County are invited to prepare 4-H displays or promote 4-H at local community events including being in area parades, setting up a table with information about 4-H at local events, setting up a window display at an area business during National 4-H Week or anytime throughout the year. The displays can include any aspect of 4-H. When you have done a 4-H display please indicate on the 4-H on Display Record, listing the members who completed the project and return to the CCE Office.

Bath Trail Blazers
Country Critters

Boots and Clovers
Steuben Explorers

Club and Independent Member Completion Awards

Club and independent member completion certificates can be picked up at the end of the evening. Members completing 1st, 5th, and 10th year in 4-H if they have completed a project have received a special gift addition with their completion certificates.

Announcements

4-H Pledge:

I pledge: my HEAD to clearer thinking
my HEART to greater loyalty
my HANDS to larger service, and
my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world



An **“AWARD THANK YOU”** to those evaluators of members’ records!

THANK YOU to Howard Community Building for the use of their facilities.

Also, a **BIG THANK YOU** to 4-H Leader Parents and Volunteers who contribute in many numerous and different ways to the achievements of the 4-H members!!

Thank you notes are important!!

Please write a thank you note to the sponsor of your awards.

Thank you 4-H Volunteer Leaders!! 4-H volunteer leaders make a difference in the lives of the 4-H youth in Steuben County. 4-H volunteers do this by using wood, thread, needles, saddles, cows, yeast, flowers, sawdust and nails to create magic in the lives of youth and you are very good at what you do! **The 4-H staff thanks you and salutes you!**