



2026 4-H Achievement Celebration Winners



OGLE COUNTY 4-H FAIR CHOICE AWARDS

These awards were earned at the Ogle County 4-H Fair by youth receiving a Champion or Grand Champion designation in the Exhibit Building. 4-H Members were able to choose their award from a list of options and receive them in recognition of their accomplishments at the Fair. These awards are sponsored by private donations. Thank you notes should have already been sent by members receiving these awards.

Kaitlyn Adams

- Grand Champion Scrapbooking
 - *Sponsored by Brenda Holm*

Bethany Akins

- Champion Family Heritage
 - *Sponsored by Patricia Kloepping*

Ella Beran

- Grand Champion Sewn Clothing
 - *Sponsored by Julie Merdian*
- Grand Champion Quilting
 - *Sponsored by Julie Merdian*

Adalyn Bocker

- Grand Champion Veterinary Science
 - *Sponsored by Carstens Hall Farms*

Camila Bonne

- Grand Champion Entomology: Beekeeping
 - *Sponsored by Jonas Martin Well Drilling*

Isaiah Braffett

- Grand Champion Creating with Building Bricks
 - *Sponsored by T-Byrd Lanes*
- Grand Champion Theatre Arts
 - *Sponsored by Hill Haven*

Jaxon Breit

- Grand Champion Visual Arts Nature
 - *Sponsored by Mighty Clovers 4-H Club*

Jaylee Breit

- Grand Champion Floriculture: Floral Design
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*
- Grand Champion Floriculture: Ornamental Display
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Pyper Bruns

- Grand Champion Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs, & Fruits
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Weston Carter

- Grand Champion Nature: Fish & Wildlife
 - *Sponsored by Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club*

Bristol Clark

- Grand Champion Tractor
 - *Sponsored by Mark Eden*

Hailey Clark

- Champion Heritage Arts
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

Wesley Clark

- Champion Welding
 - *Sponsored by Stan's Performance*

Harmony Coy

- Grand Champion Interior Design
 - *Sponsored by Kathy Pfeiffer*
- Grand Champion Ready4Life
 - *Sponsored by Dan, Tina, & Cassidy Vincent*

Alayna Doane

- Champion Global Gourmet
 - *Sponsored by Polo Lions Club*
- Grand Champion Shooting Sports Display
 - *Sponsored by Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club*

Lauren Drozd

- Grand Champion Cooking 101
 - *Sponsored by Polo Lions Club*

Jacob Feldhaus

- Champion Visual Arts Leather
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Colton Gehrke

- Grand Champion Geology
 - *Sponsored by Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club*

Tylar Growth

- Grand Champion Babysitting
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

Brooke Hammond

- Grand Champion Visual Arts Fiber
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

Emily Harbaugh

- Grand Champion Cooking 201
 - *Sponsored by Kathy Pfeiffer*
- Grand Champion Floriculture: Floral Arranging
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Shelby Harbaugh

- Grand Champion Agronomy
 - *Sponsored by Carstens Hall Farms*
- Grand Champion Clothing Embellishment
 - *Sponsored by Roger & Roberta Macauley*
- Grand Champion Weather
 - *Sponsored by Code 1 Aviation*

Anna Herring

- Champion Small Engines
 - *Sponsored by Stan's Performance*

Andrew Hickman

- Grand Champion Food Preservation
 - *Sponsored by Julie Merdian*

Lauren Hickman

- Grand Champion Creative Writing
 - *Sponsored by Elison Daylilies*
- Grand Champion Exploratory: Collectables
 - *Sponsored by Code 1 Aviation*

Macklin Hubbard

- Grand Champion Floriculture: Plant Propagation
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Zeke Janoski

- Grand Champion Visual Arts Metal
 - *Sponsored by Jonas Martin Well Drilling*

Elizabeth Kennedy

- Grand Champion Costume Design
 - *Sponsored by Hubbard Ag Innovations*
- Grand Champion 3-D Design/Mixed Media
 - *Sponsored by The Barber Shoppe*

Jacqueline Kennedy

- Grand Champion Animal Science
 - *Sponsored by Sara Blume*

Kaylee King

- Grand Champion Civic Engagement
 - *Sponsored by Mt Morris American Legion*

Edward Koziol

- Grand Champion Electricity
 - *Sponsored by Ted Gesin*

Nicolette Koziol

- Grand Champion Entomology
 - *Sponsored by By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club*

Hunter Kremske

- Grand Champion Plant & Soil Sciences
 - *Sponsored by Carstens Hall Farms*

Elijah Lotz

- Grand Champion Woodworking
 - *Sponsored In Honor of Bill Susina*

Haven Marks

- Grand Champion Photography
 - *Sponsored by Brenda Holm*

Anna Marquardt

- Grand Champion Visual Arts Paper
 - *Sponsored by Mighty Clovers 4-H Club*
- Grand Champion Visual Arts Glass/Plastic
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

Allissa Martin

- Grand Champion Drawing & Painting
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*
- Grand Champion Visual Arts Clay
 - *Sponsored by Patricia Kloepping*
- Grand Champion Computer Generated Art
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

Emma Rasmussen

- Grand Champion Nature: Outdoor Adventures
 - *Sponsored by Rochelle Wildlife Conservation Club*

Logan Rittmeyer

- Grand Champion Aerospace
 - *Sponsored by Code 1 Aviation*

Lyla Rittmeyer

- Grand Champion Visual Arts Wood
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Lydia Sherburne

- Grand Champion Shopping in Style
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*
- Grand Champion Communications
 - *Sponsored by Mt Morris American Legion*
- Grand Champion Consumer Education
 - *Sponsored by Baker Acres*
- Grand Champion Food Science
 - *Sponsored by The Barber Shoppe*
- Champion Kitchen Boss
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*
- Grand Champion Health
 - *Sponsored by T-Byrd Lanes*
- Grand Champion Intercultural
 - *Sponsored by Kathy Pfeiffer*

Joshua Snow

- Grand Champion Cooking 301
 - *Sponsored by Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club*

Sophia Stein

- Grand Champion Cooking 401
 - *Sponsored by Runnings*

Mackenzie Taylor

- Grand Champion Food Decorating
 - *Sponsored by Brenda Holm*

Adelaide Zimmerman

- Champion Foods Innovation
 - *Sponsored by Friend of 4-H*

HORSE TRAVELING TROPHY AWARD

This award recognizes one county 4-H'er per year for outstanding horse project efforts. The winner is selected from among silver and gold county project honor winners who completed horse records and a special award application.

Stellina Lombardozzi, Carefree 4-H Club

OGLE COUNTY 4-H HORSE DRILL TEAM RECOGNITION

The Ogle County Drill Team recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Drill Team members, who work together to learn how to synchronize in line formations, change leads, and other basic riding and drill techniques. They learn horsemanship, responsibility, respect for others and their horses, commitment, and sportsmanship. They spend countless hours working together to attend competitions, open for the rodeo, and ride in various parades.

Adalyn Bocker, Leaf River Busy Beavers
Evelyn Ferris, Independent
Madeline Gainer, Carefree
Evelynn Helton, Independent
Chloee Huttenlocher, Stephenson County
Stellina Lombardozzi, Carefree
Bennett Ogden-Moles, Stephenson County
Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers

HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY TEAM RECOGNITION

Recognition of the Horse Bowl and Hippology Team, who practice once a week for five months to compete at the regional competition.

Adalyn Bocker, Intermediate Hippology and Senior Horse Bowl
Addison Diehl, Intermediate Hippology and Junior Horse Bowl
Kenzie Hongsermeier, Junior Hippology and Junior Horse Bowl
Lily Hongsermeier, Intermediate Hippology and Junior Horse Bowl
Stellina Lombardozzi, Junior Hippology and Junior Horse Bowl
Addison Yordy, Senior Hippology and Senior Horse Bowl

ELECTRICITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Energy Education Council recognizes one 4-H'er for outstanding achievements in electricity.

Edward Koziol, Ogle County Clovers

ILLINOIS HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION AWARD

The Illinois Holstein-Friesian Association provides certificates and medals to 4-H members for outstanding achievements in dairy. An * indicates a first-time recipient.

* Paisley Harbaugh, Hub Hickory Nuts

CHICAGO FOOD SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARD

The Chicagoland Food Science Foundation provides a \$50 Amazon gift card to each county fair's Food Science project winner.

Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles

COUNTY PROJECT HONOR AWARDS

An unlimited number of awards are given to all 4-H'ers who obtain a score of 30 or greater on the County Project Honor Award Application (20 or greater for the 8-11-year-old). 4-H'ers may only be recognized in one project area annually. The award consists of a plaque and silver/gold discs. (* indicates 1st time winner) Cloverbud members must receive a score of 40 or higher on the Cloverbud Project Honor Award Application to receive project honors.

Gold County Project Honor Winners

Kaitlyn Adams	Sheep	*Mack Hubbard	Beef
Nolan Adams	Beef	Misha Jimenez	Visual Arts
Bethany Akins	Family Heritage	Kaylee King	Food & Nutrition
Immanuel Arellano	Visual Arts	Mallory King	Food & Nutrition
David Bagwell	Photography	Annaliese Koziol	Visual Arts
*Camila Bonne	Entomology	Edward Koziol	Electricity
Isaiah Braffett	Theatre Arts	Leo Koziol	Small Pets
*Jaxon Breit	Visual Arts	Nicolette Koziol	Entomology
*Jaylee Breit	Floriculture	Aubrey Kusnierz	Quilting
Hayden Capes	Small Pets	Madeline Kusnierz	Clothing & Textiles
Bristol Clark	Goats	Stellina Lombardozzi	Horse & Pony
*Hailey Clark	Goats	Eli Lotz	Woodworking
*Wesley Clark	Welding	Haven Marks	Photography
Harmony Coy	Ready4Life	Savannah Marks	Ready4Life
Alayna Doane	Shooting Sports	Allissa Martin	Beef
*Madeline Gainer	Horse & Pony	Kolton Motszko	Career Development
Colton Gehrke	Geology	Caleb Newkirk	Public Presentation
Luke Gehrke	Beef	Zack Newkirk	Poultry
Tylar Groth	Poultry	Luke Rasmussen	Food & Nutrition
Ashley Harbaugh	Photography	Alyse Rogers	Horse & Pony
Emily Harbaugh	Guinea Pig	Lydia Sherburne	Scrapbooking
*Paisley Harbaugh	Quilting	Owen Smardo	Welding
Shelby Harbaugh	Agronomy	Alana Smith	Goats
Cora Herring	Clothing & Textiles	Joshua Snow	Food & Nutrition
Andrew Hickman	Food & Nutrition	David Wehler	Clothing & Textiles
Jacob Hickman	Photography	Heidi Westfall	Food & Nutrition
Lauren Hickman	Creative Writing	Hewyt Westfall	Geology
Kodi Hubbard	Beef	Addison Yordy	Horse & Pony

Silver County Project Honor Winners

Delaney Byers	Rabbits	Noah Richardson	Visual Arts
*Archer Chernick	Woodworking	*Ella Seivert	Visual Arts
Regan Jimenez	Visual Arts	*Isaac Seivert	Shooting Sports
Hunter Kremske	Plant & Soil Science	*Derrick Shearer	Food & Nutrition
*Jack Kusnierz	Food & Nutrition	*Mackenzie Thiel	Goats
*Tanner Parson	Swine		
*Emma Rasmussen	Visual Arts		

Project Recognition

Brianna Coffey	Babysitting	Sophia Palmer	Visual Arts
Charles Grobe	Food & Nutrition	Harper Seivert	Dogs
Olivia Grobe	Woodworking		

Cloverbud County Honor Winners

Elise Bonne	Kaiser Hauch	Owen Safranek
Hannah Braffett	Cora Hosseini	Will Safranek
Nadia Carmichael	Sullivan Hosseini	Alice Shick
Bailey Clark	Emilia Janoski	Finnegan Slattery
Brayden Deuth	Casey Leiseberg	Theo Slattery
Ellis Deuth	Clayton Leiseberg	Charlee Smardo
Emery Deuth	Aniella Lombardozzi	Allan Smith
Elliott Eckerstrom	William Marks	Ingrid Smith
Hadley Floto	Julia Newkirk	Harper Speakes
Enoch Groenhagen	Millie Rasmussen	Luna Wagner
Scarlett Groenhagen	Amelia Ring	
Brooklyn Harbaugh	Ellowyn Ring	

STATE 4-H EXPERIENCE AWARD

This award recognizes youth who have expanded their 4-H careers beyond the county. The award is presented at two levels and in one of the following dimensions: Community Service, Leadership, or Project Learning. Diamond Level recognizes youth who completed six or more experiences in one of the three dimensions, with at least four of those experiences beyond the county level. Emerald level recognizes youth who completed eight or more experiences in one of the three dimensions, with at least four of those experiences beyond the county level and at least two at the state, national, or international level. Sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Ali Danekas – Emerald Experience Award: Leadership

4-H FOUNDATION AWARD

A \$50 cash award is given to an outstanding 4-H'er who has shown leadership, and a willingness to help with activities, and has served as a positive example to younger members. Selected from those individuals submitting a *4-H Foundation/Co-Op Watch Award Application* and a completed record book.

Harmony Coy, Blackhawk Crossing

OGLE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation Scholarships are awarded to Ogle County 4-H'ers who have been active in 4-H for a minimum of six years and have significant achievements in project work, as well as leadership at the club, county, and/or state level.

Anna Marquardt, Carefree
Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles
Raiden Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing

STAN EDEN 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

The Stan Eden 4-H Scholarship is awarded annually to an Ogle County 4-H'er. This \$1,000 scholarship is awarded by the Ogle County Farm Bureau in honor of retired Ogle County Extension Service Advisor Stan Eden.

Anna Marquardt, Carefree

CO-OP WATCH AWARDS

The Co-op Watch Award is intended to honor 4-H'ers, ages 15-18 by September 1 of the 4-H award year, for outstanding leadership involvement at the club level, as well as at the county level and beyond. A maximum of two awards can be given annually and are sponsored by Ogle County Farm Bureau and its affiliates.

Allissa Martin, Carefree
Immanuel Arellano, Blackhawk Crossing

OUTSTANDING CLUB PRESIDENT

Based on the leader and 4-H club family recommendation, this award recognizes one president annually for outstanding service in their office.

Allissa Martin, Carefree

OUTSTANDING CLUB VICE-PRESIDENT

Based on the leader and 4-H club family recommendation, this award recognizes one vice president annually for outstanding service in their office.

David Bagewell, Leaf River Soaring Eagles

OUTSTANDING CLUB SECRETARY

One award is given to the top club secretary. The selection is based on outstanding secretary record books.

Laura Rockwood, Pine Creek Valley

OUTSTANDING CLUB TREASURER

One award is given to the top club treasurer. The selection is based on outstanding financial records.

Heidi Westfall, Blackhawk Crossing

OUTSTANDING CLUB REPORTER

One award is given to the top club reporter. Selection is based on content of articles, quality of photos and captions, frequency of articles prepared and submitted, apparent thoughtfulness of the reporter in carrying out the role, and presentation of the award entry.

Lydia Sherburne, Leaf River Soaring Eagles

OUTSTANDING CLUB HISTORIAN

One award is given to the top club historian. Selection is based on the presentation of the scrapbook and a one-page report.

Finn Slattery, Leaf River Soaring Eagles

OUTSTANDING CLUB RECREATION CHAIRPERSON

Based on the 4-H leader recommendation, this award recognizes one recreation chair annually.

Isaiah Braffett & Hudson Worley, Ogle Jolly

OUTSTANDING CLUB JUNIOR LEADER

Individuals must submit the application. One award may be given annually to the top junior leader in Ogle County. This award is intended to recognize a 4-H'er who has demonstrated outstanding efforts to serve their club in a leadership capacity.

Shelby Harbaugh, Hub Hickory Nuts

ALUMNI AWARD

The Alumni Award is presented to an Alumnus who has demonstrated the value of the 4-H program as a training ground for good citizenship. It provides recognition to 4-H alumni whose contributions to society exemplify effective citizenship and leadership, success in their chosen careers, and sustaining interest in 4-H and similar worthy community endeavors.

Danielle Hollewell

OUTSTANDING 4-H LEADER TEAM

The award for the Outstanding 4-H Leader Team is given to one club's leaders each year. The award is intended to recognize club leaders for outstanding efforts to work together to effectively meet the needs of and coordinate the work of their club. Members, parents, and even leaders can make nominations each September using a special form provided by the Extension Office.

Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club
Catherine Byers
Vickie Smith

4-H HALL OF FAME

The Illinois 4-H Foundation established the 4-H Hall of Fame to provide an opportunity to annually recognize exceptional 4-H alumni, 4-H volunteers, and former 4-H staff who have a track record of extraordinary career achievement or exemplary service to 4-H.

Carmon Conderman

4-H HONOR CLUBS

Certificates are awarded to clubs with a minimum of 8 out of 11 Standards of Excellence set by the State 4-H Office. Qualification is based on information submitted on the *4-H Club Record Form*.

Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club
By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club
Carefree 4-H Club
Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club
Leaf River Busy Beavers 4-H Club
Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club

Mighty Clovers 4-H Club
Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club
Ogle Jolly 4-H Club
Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club
Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club

WINDOW DISPLAY PROMOTION AWARD

Window displays followed the theme of "Rooted in 4-H." Windows were judged during National 4-H Week. The top club earns a popcorn party. Participation certificates are awarded to all clubs who enter the competition.

1st Place – By-Y-Badgers 4-H Club
2nd Place – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club
3rd Place – Blackhawk Crossing 4-H Club

Participation:

Carefree 4-H Club
Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club
Leaf River Soaring Eagles 4-H Club
Mighty Clovers 4-H Club

Ogle County Clovers 4-H Club
Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club
Summerhill Huskies 4-H Club

CLUB STATE 4-H AWARD WINNERS

Award consists of a certificate and \$75 cash award for clubs that documented outstanding educational programming at the state level in the following areas: Community Service, Leadership, and Project Learning.

Pine Creek Valley 4-H Club - Community Service

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This award recognizes youth who have demonstrated and maintained a high standard of 4-H excellence and mastery during their membership tenure.

Lydia Sherburne – Healthy Living/Nutrition

OGLE COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

OUT-GOING:

Josh Snow, Blackhawk Crossing
Immanuel Arellano, Blackhawk Crossing
Allissa Martin, Carefree

NEW:

Colton Gehrke, By-Y-Badgers
Mallory King, Mighty Clovers
Addison Yordy, Leaf River Busy Beavers

RETURNING:

Jenna Alexander, Summerhill Huskies
Sawyer Marceau, Blackhawk Crossing
Orion Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing
Raiden Zimmerman, Blackhawk Crossing

CLUB-OF-THE-YEAR

Sponsored by 4-H Federation, Club-of-the-Year goes to the club that received the most participation points throughout the year and met the following standards: selected a theme or area of emphasis for the 4-H year; established goals for the 4-H year; submitted a club calendar containing program information; and qualified as an Ogle County 4-H Honor Club.

1st Place – Mighty Clovers 4-H Club
2nd Place – Hub Hickory Nuts 4-H Club
3rd Place – Ogle Jolly 4-H Club