



McLean County 4-H Recognition of Excellence November 2, 2020

Join us as we honor club members, leaders, and volunteers for their contributions and accomplishments. Together, we learn by doing in 4-H. As we learn, we share knowledge and experiences with others. The cycle involves people of all ages and interests, and ultimately benefits our club, community, country, and world.

MOSBACHER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The recipients of the Mosbacher Scholarship will receive scholarships for their education in recognition of their 4-H activities, citizenship, leadership and community involvement. The scholarship was created in 1971 to recognize Eugene O. Mosbacher's twenty-sixth anniversary as the McLean County Agricultural Extension Advisor. The Mosbacher 4-H Educational Fund has awarded this scholarship for the past 45 years. This year's applicant pool was full of wonderful applications, and the Mosbacher Committee felt all of the applicants had done outstanding work in their 4-H careers.

CALLIE YODER

Daughter of Brad and Jill Yoder. Callie has been in 4-H for 10 years. She is a member of the Danvers Industrial Youth 4-H club and McLean County Federation. Callie is a freshman in college this year at Illinois Central College, after she plans to transfer to Illinois State University to get her degree to teach Elementary Education.



Currently, Callie is the 2019-2020 McLean County Fair Queen. It has been an honor for Callie to promote the McLean County Fair and encourage youth to join 4-H. Callie lives on a dairy farm and enjoys spending time with her cows in the show ring. The one week Callie looks forward to each year is McLean County Fair week. Callie says:

"I really do not know where I would be without 4-H and everything it has done for me. I am thankful for all the wonderful experiences and skills it has given me."

CHAD LAWYER

Son of Mark and Jenny Lawyer from Carlock, Chad was a 4-H member for 11 years. His first two years were with Hudson Ag and the last nine with Carlock Ardent Tillers. He served as Treasurer and President of Ardent Tillers.



Chad's project focus was on livestock, especially sheep but also goats and beef cattle. Chad is currently a junior studying Animal Science at Iowa State University. He is an active member of Iowa State University's Block and Bridle Club. Chad is currently the President of the Sheep Interest Group. Chad says:

"My roots as a 4-H member will always be important to my future success. I will always be appreciative of the unique opportunities that this organization has provided me and the way that they have shaped my career aspirations. My time in 4-H has also provided me with many mentors that have given me priceless advice and have inspired me to give back to those in my community and in my industry."



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MORE MOSBACHER 4-H SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CLAYTON THOMAS

Clayton is a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln currently studying Agriculture Education with a minor in Animal Science.



Through 4-H, Clayton was able to raise rabbits and begin to show sheep with a family friend. 4-H is one of the main reasons why Clayton has developed a passion for agriculture, and he is excited to be able to study it throughout college.

Some of Clayton's collegiate activities include: The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council, Block and Bridle, Ag Ed Club, and he is a student worker in the Agriculture Leadership Education and Communication Department. As a part of this job Clayton is a Nebraska FFA CDE coordinator.

JOSHUA KOTHE

Joshua Kothe, 19, was a member of the Downs Top Notchers 4-H Club for 10 years, serving as the president, secretary, and junior officer. He was also a 4-H Federation member for four years.



He graduated from Tri-Valley High School in 2019 and was involved in many extracurricular activities including four musicals, jazz chorus, chorus, and speech team.

He recently graduated from Heartland Community College with an Associate's of Arts degree. He is currently attending Illinois State University and is working toward a Bachelor's degree in Graphic Communications Technology.

LYDIA WIDENER

Lydia has been in 4-H for ten years. Her favorite 4-H project areas have been quilting and robotics. Lydia is currently a freshman at ISU studying engineering technology. In addition to school, she is also in the Army National Guard.



2019-2020 GEORGE E. HOLDER SCHOLARSHIP

To honor the late George E. Holder, his family established a scholarship for McLean County 4-H participants who are enrolled in the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Recipients are McLean County 4-H participants who have demonstrated excellence in 4-H project skills, leadership, or community service. This year's winners will receive a scholarship in Mr. Holder's name. This year's winner is Emily Krawczyk.

EMILY KRAWCYK

Emily graduated from Normal Community High School in 2020 and was active in the FFA program and two 4-H clubs: Bridle Path and Wild Oats. A few of the highlights from Emily's time with 4-H would include the McLean County Fair for the past six years where she showed horses and dogs. Each year Emily learned more about being part of the larger 4-H experience in our county. During FFA, Emily's horse judging team won the state competition and went on to compete at the National FFA competition and Quarter Horse Congress. She has also been part of the Miller Park Zoo Junior Zookeeper program for eight years and is very thankful to have this opportunity in our community!



Currently, Emily is in her first semester at the University of Illinois, continuing her 4-H journey by living in the 4-H house on campus and being a part of this great organization!

FIRST YEAR OUTSTANDING

3-F

Camden Denning
Lacy Gerike
Levi Gerike
Leah Hopkins
Edwin Rutledge
Jack Rutledge

4-H 4Art

Austen Babineaux
Landon Rocco

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Karthika Nair

Ardent Tillers

Audra Fish

Bloomington Busy Bees

Jocelyn Hoffman
Allison McBride
Matthew Sargent

Blue Ribbon Kids

Vance Young

Bridle Path

Alexander Betz
Shelby Krutke

CIPS Kids 4-H SPIN Club

Colin Heath
Hayden Shine
Tyler Nafziger

Circuit Breakers

Nathan Baize
Akasha Jackson
Bethany Warren
Damien Wilburn

County Capri

Alaina Backlund
Lucas Backlund
Brooke Bussan
Kameron Leesman
Garrett Reeser
Daisy Thomas

Danvers Industrial Youth

Brinklee Burns
Inez Dawson
Sylus Pierce
Kameron White
Mason Williams
Hunter Williams

Downs Top Notchers

Owen McLean
Mason Messamore

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Rylee Oakley
Hailey Todaro
Billy Jo Wyant

Emerald Leaders

Tyler Henrikson
Cale Korowicki

Future Leaders

Epaphrodite Lessa
Sarah Mpudi

Gridley Golden Banner

Hunter Brennemann
Jillian Cornwall
Michael Cornwall
Philip Merrill

Home Spun

Aiden Martin
Grace Martin
Nina Ross

Hudson Ag

Bryson Edwards
Aiden Hanks
Rowen Kruger
Connor Stark

LeRoy 4-H

Daniel Chisholm
Joel Chisholm
Luke Chisholm
Garrick Dean
Shawn Flegel
Grant Hendren
Nathan Koester-Moody
BreElla Lowe
William Mennenga
Payton Norin
Kinley Runyon
MacKenzie Schertz

Lexington Leprechauns

Grayson Leake
Matthew Muir

Linden Lead'em

Isabella Hernandez
Emalee Hurd
Jonathan Rodts
Anna Schenk

McLean County Shooting Sports SPIN

Jonathan Ditch
Anna Mueller

McLean County Shooting Stars

Aiden Huber
Tyler Huber
Asa Reedy

Power Surge SPIN

Sandilya Bhagavatula
Akshaj Bochetty
Wesley Johnson
Srisourya Karuturi
Lucas O'Neill
Krish Patel
Ashrith Pulumati
Vivaan Reddy
Nischal Saitangudu
Kamden Schuster

Space Age Pioneers

Caleb Moheb
Peter Schuler

Stanford Silver Stars

Clarence Moore

Stylistics

Abby Siuda

Team MetalCow Robotics SPIN

Sritanai Ballem
Aditya Chalasani
Alex Schieltz
Matthew Schill
Sirihaasa Nallamothu
Owen Ridgway

The STEAM Punks

Lillian McDonald

Towanda 4-H

Elizabeth Hill
Addie Kaufman
Rylan Orrick
Dhruv Ravinuthala

Wild Oats

Brooke Sikora

FIFTH YEAR OUTSTANDING

Ardent Tillers

Holly Marquis

Bloomington Busy Bees

Rachel Grimes

Blue Ribbon Kids

Mason Antonio
Owen Grice
Brec Hoffman
Kyle Stubblefield

Bridle Path

Sarah Crabtree

County Capri

Kate Anderson
Colin Fitzgerald
Mason Klawitter
Corinne Miller
Aubrey Tiller

Danvers Industrial Youth

Austin Kruger
Kynlee Miller
Mallory Miller

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Evelyn Leak
Megan Todaro
Gretchen Wyant

Future Leaders

Reniya Grant
Ketia Makala
John Marshall
Allegría Ngeno
Emily Smith
Kobe Walker
Destiny Wilson

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Chase Ragar

Home Spun

Linus Fischer
Madison Harshbarger
Josh Holliday
Easton Penn
Nolan Penn

Hudson Ag

Caden Castleman
Anne Dameron
Rylan Engel

Learn and Lead

Johanna Haning
Samuel Haning
Lily Lapan
Rachel Wylie

Lexington Leprechauns

Alexis McArdle
Payton Wiltz

LeRoy 4-H

Sarah Hill
Andrew Fleming
Emily Mennenga

Linden Lead'em

Bradley Metivier

McLean County Shooting Stars

Elle Kieser
Jenna Kieser
Cade Luginbuhl
Cole Luginbuhl

Olympia Pacesetters

Allena Johnson
Anthony Miller
Brandon Wood
Zachary Wood

Saybrook Willing Workers

Sid Pfoff
Maegan Ream

Silverleaf 4-H

Garrett Hartrich

Space Age Pioneers

Bella Binkley
Elizabeth Ellis
Melody Mendoza
Cynthia Shiflett

Team MetalCow Robotics SPIN

Isaiah Streitmatter

The STEAM Punks

Antonio Escobedo
Norah Vannoy

Towanda 4-H

Brodie Carlson
Abbie Casselman
Chase Laney
Chloe Laney
Ashley Miller
Kimberly Novy

10 YEAR OUTSTANDING

Ardent Tillers

Micah Mohr
Maggie Schwoerer
Sophie Schwoerer

Blue Ribbon Kids

Aislinn McKay

Downs Top Notchers

Austin Reynolds

Dry Grove

Christina Creager
Kaitlin Creager
Abigail Wight

Ellsworth Tip Toppers

Jacob Jones
Cole Neubauer

Hudson Ag

Sadie Emmert
Cade Hinshaw
John Reutter

Linden Lead'em

Abby Naden

Lucky 4's

Alyssa Casey
Elizabeth Davis
Kaylin Simpson

McLean County Shooting Sports SPIN

Kayla Short

Olympia Pacesetters

Jacob Henderson

Saybrook Willing Workers

Mike Dowling

Space Age Pioneers

Sophia Schuler

Stanford Silver Stars

Jacob Simpson

Team MetalCow Robotics SPIN

Lydia Widener

Towanda 4-H

Madison Kraft



CLOVERBUDS

Big Dreams

Layne Gordon
Hannah Hardesty

Blue Ribbon Kids

Maximilian Bielfeldt
Aden Draper
Brooklyn Grice
Blake Harris
Olivia McKeon
Kendall O'Connor
Allison Ogden
Piper Thorndyke
Juana Ramirez
Tim Ramirez
Caden Ramp
Cameron Ramp
Brooke Rennison
Katelyn Weber
Austin West
Brandt Whitehouse
Brynlee Wyant
Bette Young

Bridle Path

Lucy Jamerson

Carlock Clever Clovers

Emerson Jugovic
Tovah Jugovic
Kellen Knott
Elizabeth Knowles
William Spaulding

Danvers Industrial Youth

Oakley Burrell
Maci Logsdon
Ryker Logsdon
Charlie McCuen
Avery Miller
Kenzie Schwoerer

Downs Little Notchers

Iner Baumann
Elianna Baumann
Brody Fiscus
Mila Jacob
Clay Johnson
Gavin Messamore
Henry Knobloch
Jackson Smith
Katie Tate
Brooklyn Zwilling

Emerald Leaders

Katharine Chambers
Chloe Korowicki
Paityn Thoennes
Emma Watson

Future Leaders

Aaliyah Webber
Alicia Celeste Ebonda
Arya Caquelin
Audrey Salamay
Braelynn Caquelin
Carelle Yetimbi
Didier Mudjir
Djedje Ndamba
Kalyssa Ross
REYAN REDDY
Zakariya Moubarik

Green Leafers

Laniyah Brown
Lucy Taflinger

Heyworth Cloverbuds

Aaron Holland
Kali Murphy
Olivia Osborne

Home Spun

Cora Fischer
Elliott Franklin
Cora Knobloch
Crosby Knobloch
Grace Poirier
Caden Saddler

Hudson Ag

Tyler Brutlag
Brett Goodwin-Stanley
William Hacker
Braxton Hallead
Evan Hanks
Caden Simpson
Abram Thompson
Ava Thompson
Felicity Young

Kids Who Serve II

Diallo Anderson

LeRoy 4-H

Will Fleming
Caden Lavicka
Jaxson Misch
Niall Runyon
Makenzie Van Note
Mason Van Note

Lexington Leprechauns

Harper Chapman
Lyndi McArdle
Martin Pearce

Linden Learning

Bristol Colby
Mara Colby
Cora Fogle
Disha Rai

Olympia Pacers

Morgann Ballard
Lanie Erbe
Aubrie Green
Cannon Hoffman

Space Age Pioneers

Maggie Mowery
Dakota Skelton
Peyton Skelton

Towanda 4-H

Hannah Hill
Alana Jacobs
Liliana Lancaster
Lynlee Moran
Rachel Miller
Adelaide Phifer
Anjali Vytla

EXPERIENCE AWARDS

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas they may enjoy, and explore opportunities around the state and country. The Experience Award offers recognition for members who participate in activities and events that center around Leadership, Community Service, and Project Learning. Bronze, Silver, and Gold can be awarded at the county level.



Congratulations to Lauren Mohr of the Ardent Tillers 4-H Club for receiving the Emerald Level Experience Award for the 2018-2019 4-H year.

We would like to wish the following individuals the best of luck as their applications advance to the state level for Emerald consideration. They will be notified of their results from Illinois 4-H.

4-H Teen Teachers SPIN

Carina Engst

Ardent Tillers

Lauren Mohr

Danvers Industrial Youth

Callie Yoder

Stylistics & Homespun

Reagan Parks

BRONZE CLOVER

Ardent Tillers

Clara Spaulding

County Capri

Alyssa Gray

Danvers Industrial Youth

Kyla Neal

Morgan Buatte

Linden Lead'em

Paige Martin

Towanda 4-H

Alexis Schlosser

Annabell Teufel

Avery Weigman

Caroline Weigman

Lucas Radek

Sophie Clement

SILVER CLOVER

Ardent Tillers

Corinna Thomas

Donny Spaulding

Hannah Spaulding

County Capri

Corinne Miller

Jolee Maharas

Danvers Industrial Youth

Blake Buatte

Hearts & Hoofbeats

Kamryn Rader

Homespun

Alana Thorndyke

Kayli Thorndyke

LeRoy 4-H

Claire Kuipers

Towanda 4-H

Grace Ford

Abigail Casselman

Autumn Vogel

Ella Bane

Caleb Vogel

GOLD CLOVER

Towanda 4-H

Claire Malinowski

PROJECT RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Every year, 4-H members are encouraged to record their hard work from the past year. These records are especially helpful when building a resume and applying for college scholarships. Members develop transferable skills such as time management, record keeping, and reflecting on what they learned through their experiences in their projects.

8 Year Olds

Clara Spaulding
Shelby Krutke
Noelle Walter
Jonathan Poirier
Sylvia Mitchell
Kai Wiedman
Anna Schenk
Noah Schuely
Alex Fogle
George Lamney
Tyler Meints
Elizabeth Hill
Avery Weigman

9 Year Olds

Silas Crow
Leya Alcorn
Mason Kruger
Emrey Chapman
Lily Martin
Evelyn Seifert
Colton Hemphill
Wesley Hemphill
Cole Erbe
Finley Hoffman
Belle Teufel
Lucas Radek
Abigail Casselman

10 Year Olds

Brook Bussah
Trista Crow
Alex Holland
Audrey Holland
Norah Miller
Grant Reeser
Morgan Buatte
Joan Mccuen
Kamryn Rader
James Poirier
Claire Kuipers
Ella Fogle
Lucas Meints
Grayson Hemphill
Gavin Ballard
Autumn Vogel
Ella Bane

11 Year Olds

Hannah Spaulding
Tyler Brown
Jolee Maharas
Clare Matteson
Molly Zolfaghari
Lucas White
Evan Penn
Simon Mitchell
Weston Botkin
Paige Martin
Claire Seifert
Anya Seifert
Sarah Schwoerer
Alana Whitfield
Austin Kessinger
Caroline Weigman

12 Year Olds

Katie Anderson
Corinne Miller
Chase Ruppert
Aubrey Tiller
Presley Shanahan
Austin Kruger
Nathan Penn
Josh Kinzie
Hannah Botkin
Jordan Milan
Pearce Cori

13 Year Olds

Donny Spaulding
Luke Tiller
Blake Buatte
Charlotte Knobloch
Alyna Thorndyke
Maurice Quiram
Kaitlynn Whitecotton
Olvia Houk
Sophie Clement
Caleb Vogel

14 Year Olds

Maria Moore
Zach Anderson
Colin Fitzgerald
Reid Glaser
Klayton Botkin
Grace Ford
Rebekah Sibley
Claire Malinowski

15 Year Olds

Kaitlyn Brown
Alison Fitzgerald
Paige Rupper
Hope Walter
Nolan Penn
Faith Schwoerer
Gwendolyn Quiram
Rachel Dawson
Alexis Schlosser

16 Year Olds

Lauren Mohr
Austin Russow
Kyla Neal
Reagan Parks
Kayli Thorndyke
Lauren Penn
Autumn Botkin
Elizabeth Clark
Brady Veal
Lydia Lyons
Reace Erbe
Hannah Norris
Carina Engst

17 Year Olds

Aislinn McKay
Shae Ruppert
Skye Schumaker
Callie Yoder
Taylor Sondgeroth
Heather Dawson



The 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.

2020 ILLINOIS 4-H HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

SID PARKS

Sid Parks has a long history with University of Illinois Extension serving McLean County 4-H.

Sid and his family have been involved in McLean County 4-H since 1995. Sid works with Extension staff in many different program areas, including Chairman of the McLean County 4-H Show Committee, Director for the Environment & Natural Resources project area, and is a certified shotgun instructor for McLean County 4-H Shooting Sports. He leads shotgun workshops and matches and coordinates with the office staff and the Shooting Sports 4-H Spin Club. In addition, he is the primary liaison between the Show Committee and venue staff to design and set up exhibition halls for the 4-H show. Sid is easy to work with and always logical in his decision-making. He comes prepared and engages others with questions.



Congratulations, Sid, and thank you for your dedication and years of service to McLean County 4-H!

LEADER & VOLUNTEER MILESTONES

In order to be an organizational or club leader, volunteers must go through a screening process and training. Milestone years are based on the number of years a volunteer has had as a screened volunteer.

First Year

Billy Blue
Casey Johnson
Alissa Kieser
Dawn Leedie
Amanda McKeon
Sara Seifert

Fifth Year

Bret Birky
Stephanie Froidcoeur
Katie Gordon
Susan Shiflett
Vanessa Willoughby

Tenth Year

Denny Engel
Lois Dowling
Matthew Knapp
Kara Lopez
Debra Miller
Staci Widener

Fifteenth Year

Loren Miller
Douglas Larson
Joyce McKeon
Debra Wheeler
Ellen Wylie

Twenty-Fifth Year

Bryan Hoffman

Thirtieth Year

Pam Siebert

Thirty-Fifth Year

Pat Pulokas

2019-2020 4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR

ANGELA WITTE; LINDEN LEAD'EM 4-H CLUB

Angie was a member of Dry Grove Happy Larks 4-H Club. Because of her experience she wanted her kids in 4-H. When they moved to Waynesville they stayed in our club because she liked the club a lot. There are 6 kids in their family and all of them were or are in the club. Three of the Witte kids have been officers and President! We do not know what we would do without the family and specifically Angie. She types out our yearly calendar after the officers meet to plan the year and emails it out to all the families. She also sends out our address list to everyone with emails, phones, and addresses and parents' names. Angie emails the monthly reminders for all our meetings.

When we had our 90th Anniversary celebration she took care of all decorations and ordered the cakes and served everything so Ray and I could visit with former members who came back. Whenever we have a family potluck she is there early to help us set up as well as her kids. She always rings the bell at Christmas for the Salvation Army which is a club project. She has done workshops for our club mini Learn and Fun Day. Our club has always had a Share the Fun act and Angie encourages her kids to be in it every year. She always gets clever costumes or props for our act.

Congratulations, Angela, and thank you for your years of service to McLean County 4-H!