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Jersey County 4-H Members Exhibit at the Illinois State Fair

Springfield, Ill. – Jersey County 4-H members, along with youth from 33 counties in Illinois, exhibited at the Illinois State Fair 4-H General Project Show on Sunday, August 14. Award-winning 4-H members display their general project work during three amazing days of the Illinois State Fair in the Orr Building.

Members participating at the Illinois State Fair 4-H General Project Show must be promoted from their local county show by project judges. Each project area is eligible to promote a specific number of youth to compete at the state level. Jersey County had twenty-three youth who exhibited at the state fair for 2022. Those participating included: Jeffery Bagley, Maci Beckman, Grant Blasa, Clark Blasa, James (Douglas) Ford, Kimberlee Ford, Allison Haarmann, Amelia Jumper, Everett Jumper, Ava Pulley, Sam Pulley, Lola Reed, Alayna Rothe, Brennan Shoemaker, Keeley Shoemaker, Daphne Slusser, Dinah Slusser, Patrick Slusser, Paul Slusser, Molly Steckel, Morgan Steckel, Elissabeth Walsh, Eden Warford, and Taylor Woodring. All member received “A” ratings and participation ribbons. Members who received extra recognition include: Clark Blasa – Reserve Champion Woodworking 4, Grant Blasa – Reserve Champion Entomology, Everett Jumper – Inspire Model Rocketry and Paul Slusser – Inspire Photography 2.

Sixty young livestock exhibitors vied for the title of “Grand Champion Overall Master Showman” on August 12 during the 2022 Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. The exhibitors, who were the winners of their respective 4-H county contests, showcased their skills and knowledge at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. This prestigious competition invites 4-H members ages 14-18 years to display their showmanship skills across three species – beef, sheep and swine. The 4-Hers were judged on their ability to handle each animal, knowledge of the species, as well as overall showmanship skills. Bailey Wadlow represented Jersey County 4-H at the Master Showmanship Contest. Wadlow brought pride to Jersey County and exhibited her swine, sheep and beef with great skill, determination and expertise.

Jersey County 4-H members also competed in the junior livestock shows during the Illinois State Fair. Results from the junior livestock shows will come at a later date.

Congratulations to all Jersey County 4-H members and their incredible achievements at this year’s shows.

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