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### **Miami County 4-H'ers gather to celebrate their accomplishments**

Miami County 4-H'ers were recognized for their achievements during the past 4-H year at the Annual Miami County 4-H Achievement Celebration held on Sunday November 6, 2022 at the Miami County Fairgrounds. The event opened by extending gratitude to extension staff, club leaders, parents, fair board and 4-H council members.

The afternoon then progressed into the Achievement Celebration to recognize the Miami County 4-H'ers for their accomplishments for the 4-H year (October 2021-September 2022). Members from ages 5-18 were recognized for their project work, their leadership skills and their community service, as well as families who hosted exchange 4-Hers from Japan. We also recognized Club Leaders for volunteering their time to help 4-H'ers grow and learn. The 4-H Ambassadors gave a presentation as well. The event was wrapped up with refreshments including some phenomenal cookies provided by 4-H Council and Misty Pratt.

To find out more about 4-H or to learn how to join 4-H call (913) 294-4306 or visit us at [www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu/4-h/](http://www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu/4-h/). 4-H is a community of young people who are learning Leadership, Citizenship, and Life Skills through fun and engaging projects that encompass a wide area of interest.

The following is a listing of the evening's awards.

4-H Members who received Membership Pin Awards for their activities and learning throughout the year:

#### **CLOVERBUD AWARD (For members 5-6 years old)**

Alex Bell, Grant Bell, Samuel Bell, Lane Crisco, Rhett Hightower, Madisyn Hyde, Maxwell McCrea, Ella Burchett, Ellery Kirk, Rustin Ward, Atticus Wellman, Beverly Parr, Timber Harris, Porter Macy, Barrett Medlin, Harrison Spencer, Keith Crawford.

#### **MEMBERSHIP PIN**

Lainey Hager, Aiden Moreau, Gavin Moreau, Logan Lee Bell, Haylee Crawford, Evangeline Pertner, Griffin Strausbaugh, Reid Burchett, Alex Hardwick, Avery Sullivan, Olivia Sullivan, Kaseyn Way, Garron Stevenson, Lily Smith, Owen Downey, Simon Downey, Mark Mermis, Eli Shay, Aliyah Lester

#### **BRONZE ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Emersyn Chapman, Amelia Lemke, Bridget Little, Aidan Weller, Riley Hightower, Cole Burchett, Hudson Kirk, Calvin Mermis, Hank Mermis, John Mermis, Ethan Shay

#### **CLOVER ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Ellee Crawford, Wyatt Strausbaugh, Gage Burchett, Kailynn Kirk, Arianna Peters, Jackson Lester

#### **EMERALD ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Jae Bueker, Dakota Moser, Makenzie Moser, Ardyn Evans, Emelyn Little, Dylan Weller, Taylor Parke, Georgiana Pertner, Jake Hardwick, Jordan Christian

#### **SILVER ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Cheyenne Christian, Taylor Sherron, Franklin Gardner, and Spencer Mattison

#### **SILVER GUARD ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

John Guetterman, Tristan Weller, Landon Alexander, Lana Enman, Kylie Parke, Sue Barentine, Cooper Gainer, Eliza Prothe

### **LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Wyatt Guetterman, Carter Schneider, Logan Alexander, Wade Enman, Jackson Bollinger, Austin Gardner, James Haley, Cate Minden

### **GOLD ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

Madison Wood, Anna Brizendine, Devon Gainer, Madyson Smotherman, Avarie Hightower, Kimball Uphoff, Brooklyn Sherron

### **GOLD GUARD ACHIEVEMENT PIN**

McKenna Bueker, Megan Benne, Dana Mattison, Zoie Prothe, Leighann Cox, Alana Bollinger, Emma Haley, Jai Jenkins

### **IDARE YOU AWARD (Teen Leadership & Community Service Award)**

Megan Benne, Avarie Hightower, Zoie Prothe

### **4-H KEY AWARD**

Megan Benne

### **YEAR PIN**

Kody Hendrickson, Grace Kinaman, Grace Young, Peyton Sherron

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The following awards are given to members who show outstanding work in a 4-H Project. The members who received project awards are:

**BEEF PROJECT:** Avarie Hightower (Senior Champion)

**CLOTHING & TEXTILES PROJECT:** Kaylin Kirk (Intermediate Champion), Arianna Peters, Bridget Little (Junior Champion)

**Communications:** Zoie Prothe (Senior Champion)

**DAIRY GOATS PROJECT:** Kylie Parke (Intermediate Champion), Ellee Crawford (Junior Champion), Haylee Crawford

**DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT:** Franklin Gardner (Senior Champion), Taylor Parke (Intermediate Champion), Ardyn Evans, Emelyn Little, Kylie Parke, Arianna Peters

**ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROJECT:** Jake Hardwick (Intermediate Champion), Alex Hardwick (Junior Champion)

**ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT:** Landon Alexander (Intermediate Champion)

**FIBER ARTS PROJECT:** Georgiana Pertner (Intermediate Champion), Amelia Lemke (Junior Champion), Evangeline Pertner

**FOODS & NUTRITION PROJECT:** Grace Kinaman (Senior Champion), Eliza Prothe (Intermediate Champion), Gavin Moreau, Jackson Bollinger, Olivia Sullivan (Junior Champion), Emersyn Chapman, Aiden Moreau, Ellee Crawford, Haylee Crawford

**GEOLOGY PROJECT:** Madison Wood (Senior Champion), Jackson Lester (Junior Champion)

**HOME ENVIRONMENT:** Cate Minden (Senior Champion)

**HORSE PROJECT:** Kylie Parke (Intermediate Champion), Taylor Parke

**LEADERSHIP PROJECT:** Austin Gardner (Senior Champion), Gabe Bueker, Alana Bollinger, Jackson Bollinger (Intermediate Champion)

**PETS PROJECT:** Taylor Parke (Intermediate Champion), Isaac Hamm (Junior Champion)

**PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT:** Kylie Parke (Intermediate Champion), Taylor Parke, Jackson Bollinger, Emersyn Chapman (Junior Champion)

**PLANT SCIENCE PROJECT:** Emersyn Chapman (Junior Champion)

**POULTRY PROJECT:** Austin Gardner (Senior Champion), Jackson Bollinger (Intermediate Champion), Emersyn Chapman (Junior Champion)

**RABBITS PROJECT:** Will Hardwick (Intermediate Champion), Taylor Parke, Kylie Parke, Bridget Little (Junior Champion)

**READING PROJECT:** Emersyn Chapman (Junior Champion)

**SHEEP PROJECT:** Kody Hendrickson (Senior Champion), Makenzie Moser (Intermediate Champion), Aliyah Lester (Junior Champion)

**SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT:** Kylie Parke (Intermediate Champion), Dakota Moser, Ethan Shay, Wyatt Strausbaugh (Junior Champion), Ellee Crawford, Hudson Kirk

**STEM:** Amelia Lemke (Junior Champion)

**SWINE PROJECT:** Kody Hendrickson (Senior Champion), McKenna Bueker, Jae Bueker (Intermediate Champion), Avery Sullivan (Junior Champion), Emersyn Chapman

**VISUAL ARTS PROJECT:** Logan Alexander (Senior Champion), Taylor Parke (Intermediate Champion), Emelyn Little, Jackson Bollinger, Bridget Little (Junior Champion), Emersyn Chapman, Riley Hightower

**WOODWORKING PROJECT:** Sue Barentine (Intermediate Champion), Amelia Lemke (Junior Champion), Griffin Strausbaugh

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The following awards were awarded for completion of 4-H Club Officer Positions:

**CLUB HISTORIAN'S BOOK**

Isabel Santiago, Gigi Pertner, Will Hardwick

**CLUB REPORTER'S BOOK**

Ellee Crawford

**CLUB SECRETARY'S BOOK**

Cate Minden, Anna Brizendine, Ashley Ward, Arianna Peters

**CLUB TREASURER'S BOOK**

Eliza Prothe, James Haley

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The following 4-H Clubs received a seal for their club work throughout the year:

**Purple Seal**

Busy Beavers, Explorers, Happy-Go-Getters, Progressive, Trailblazers

**Blue Seal**

Hillsdale Hustlers, Mound Builders, Twin Valley

**Red Seal**

Shooting Sports

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**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD** (These 4-H'ers attended all their local 4-H club meeting this year and were entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card!)

Emersyn Chapman, Dakota Moser, Madison Wood, Megan Benne, Taylor Parke, Sue Barentine, Raylie Crisco, Lane Crisco, Cooper Gainer, Devon Gainer, Isaac Hamm, Shelby Hatcher, Madyson Smotherman, Katherine Stevenson, Abbie Christensen, George Christensen, Dana Mattison, Spencer Mattison, Leighann Cox, Cheyenne Christian, Jordan Christian, Peyton Sherron, Taylor Sherron, Franklin Gardner, Arianna Peters, Cate Minden

**MIAMI COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS**

Megan Benne, Anna Brizendine, Davis Guetterman, Grace Young, Dana Mattison, Zoie Prothe, Alana Bollinger

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**STATE/NATIONAL AWARDS**

**State Shooting Sports – Archery Match**

Dakota Moser, Makenzie Moser

**Poultry Judging - Senior (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team)**

Logan Alexander, Austin Gardner, Franklin Gardner

**State Fashion Revue**

Megan Benne (Women's construction), Logan Alexander (Men's buymanship)

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**4-H SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Carl & Mary Buchman**

Grace Young

**Coffman Leadership Scholarship**

Kody Hendrickson, Grace Young

**KAD Scholarship**

Grace Young

**MdC Master Gardeners Plant Science Scholarship**

Kody Hendrickson

**Peter Daniel Downey Memorial Scholarship**

Kody Hendrickson

**2022 4-H Foundation Senior Scholarships**

Kody Hendrickson, Davis Guetterman, Catie Lemke, Brianna Shippy, Grace Young

**2022 State 4-H Scholarships**

*Extension Step Ahead* – Grace Young

*KS Assoc. of Wheatgrowers* – Grace Young

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