

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*.



Mercer County 4-H Achievement Awards 2022-2023

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4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the
opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.
I believe in the training of my HEAD for the
power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.
I believe in the training of my HEART for the
nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.
I believe in the training of my HANDS for the
ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.
I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the
strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.
I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility
for their development. In all these things
I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.



expertise shines as he prepares members for the show ring and leads the thriving Goat Spin Club in Unit 7. His commitment extends to diverse domains, including the 4-H Poultry show, 4-H Dairy show, and the annual Mercer County Farm in the Park event, where he provides a popular petting zoo. A true 4-H champion, Steve champions the Mercer County 4-H BBQ fundraiser annually. His immeasurable contributions to countless 4-H events shape Mercer County's youth and its community. When asked about his motivation for volunteering, Steve humbly shared, "4-H is a legacy In my family, and the impact I make on young lives fuels my dedication."

Club Awards

Club of the Year Award

Hamlet Handy Helpers
Saddle Teens

Club Top Records

Saddle Teens

National 4-H Week Awards

1st place—Saddle Teens
2nd place- Alexis All Stars
3rd place- Peppy Partners

Illinois 4-H Excel Club Award

applied for:

Hamlet Handy Helpers-Community Service
Saddle Teens- Community Service

Salute to Excellence

Volunteer Awards

2023 Hall of Fame

Inductee

Steve Ausmus



Steve is passionately dedicated to advancing youth education in the goat industry, Steve Ausmus's influence reaches far beyond his decade-long service to Mercer County 4-H. Steve's

Recognition Certificates

2023 Above and Beyond Awards

Ella Bernhardt
Hunter Brandage
Jayla Johnson
Reagan Shike
Temperance Skutt

4-H Memorial Scholarship

Megan Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Jack Jungmann, Kimel
Ryley Zippe , Hamlet Handy Helpers

Patti Jean Higgins Memorial Scholarship

Megan Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Jack Jungmann, Kimel

Jr. Horse Bowl Team Recognition

Jasmine Frerkes
Jocelyn Erickson
Paisley Martin
Lily Miller
Brooklynne Martin
Bridgette Vipond
Collette Warman
Leader & Coach- Melanie Neuleib-Zimmerman



Alexis All Stars

Lily Grobosky
Sawyer Jaminet

Country Kids

Cole Ryan

Joy Eliza Ag

Kendall Cox
Jake Marlow
Elsie Stevenson

Kimel

Elsie Bonynge
Lincoln Bonynge
Bryce Campbell
Brylie Fearman
Easton Haun
Ethan Robinson
David Wheeler

Peppy Partners

Sitara Sloan

Saddle Teens

Claire Adams
Marilyn Fritch
Brody Hampton
Nolan Huber
Olivia Huber
Jasper Martin
Quinn Martin
Jolie Warman

**Salute to Excellence
Member Awards**

Outstanding First Year Member

Zachary Icenogle, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Anabel Fritch, Saddle Teens

Outstanding 4-H Growth Award

Alexis All Stars

Hunter Brundage- Beef
Blair Burns- Horse
Lindley Burns- Food & Nutrition
Isabella Jaminet-Visual Arts
Peyton Jaminet- Wood Working
Jake Johnson- Crops
Jayla Johnson- Scrap Booking
Peyton Martin-Swine
Clay Olson-Poultry
Temperance Skutt-Scrap Booking
Rachel Shike- Clothing & Textiles
Reagan Shike- Swine

Country Kids

Jaxson Adams, Photography
Ella Klauer, Poultry
Nate Lower, Goats
Lane Weber, Beef

Hamlet Handy Helpers

Zachary Icenogle, Family Heritage
Muireann Zippe, Food & Nutrition- Baking
Mitchell Taylor—Poultry

Joy Eliza Ag

CJ Cox, Electricity
Autumn Geertz, Visual Arts
Hannah Sell, Sheep
Garrett Holmes, Beef
Reese Marlow, Goats
Isabelle Butler, Horses
Brady Holmes, Beef
Korbin McKay, Woodworking
Darrin McKeag, Food & Nutrition

Salute to Excellence Member Awards

Joy Eliza Ag continued

Hailey McKeag—Visual Arts
Keeghan Dixon, Food & Nutrition
Henna Stevenson, Vegetable Gardening
Chloe Stevenson, Food & Nutrition
Josiah Stevenson, Sportfishing
Kylee Duncan, Woodworking

Kimel

Abby Blaser, Beef
Griffin Burns, Wildlife
Reiley Burns, Video Filmmaking
Alysse DeBlock, Woodworking
Aeryn Haun, Visual Arts-Scrapbooking
Justin Haun, Woodworking
Jonah Hays, Aerospace
Silas Hays, Woodworking
Emily Hessman, Beef
Kate Jungmann, Civic Engagement
Jaxon Kenney, Electricity
Kylie Kenney, Visual Arts- Glass
Maddux Mayhew, Swine
Jack Robinson, Swine
Colt Roeder, Beef
Kade Roeder, Beef
Kyler Roeder, Beef
Aubrey Salmon, Visual Arts- Cake Decorating
Abigail Struble, Food & Nutrition
Joshua Struble, Computer Science
Elizabeth Wheeler, Vegetable Gardening

Peppy Partners

Seth Bennett, Woodworking
Jayda Hearn, Dog Obedience
Aysha Sloan, Forestry

Saddle Teens

Jocelyn Erickson, Public Speaking
Jasmine Frerkes, Public Speaking
Ellie Hampton, Beef
Paisley Martin, Horse
Lily Miller, Woodworking
Zoey Shafer, Visual Arts
Lorelai Walton, Visual Arts
Colette Warman, Beef
Anabel Fritch, sheep

I Dare You Award

Mason Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Luke Jungmann, Kimel

Emanuel Johnson Award

Levi Schurr, Country Kids
Luke Jungmann, Kimel

Marvin Kottman Award

Luke Jungmann, Kimel

Super 4-H'er

Jocelyn Erickson, Saddle Teens
Jasmine Frerkes, Saddle Teens
Kate Jungmann, Kimel
Ella Klauer, Country Kids
Lily Miller, Saddle Teens
Jaxon Kenney, Kimel
Kylie Kenney, Kimel

Illinois 4-H Experience Awards

Silver Clover Award

Jasmine Frerkes, Saddle Teens
Ellie Hampton, Saddle Teens
Korbin McKay, Joy Eliza Ag
Savannah McKay, Joy Eliza Ag

Illinois Emerald Clover Award

applied for

Kate Jungmann

Fair Book Cover Contest

Winner

Jasmine Frerkes, Saddle Teens

National 4-H Spirit Week

Award Winner:

Jocelyn Erickson, Saddle Teens



Officer's Awards

Outstanding Secretary Award

Aurora Fitchner, Joy Eliza Ag

Outstanding Treasurer Award

Gabriella McPeck, Kimel

Outstanding Reporter Award

Mason Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers



New Junior Leader Recognition

Alexis All Stars

Hunter Brundage
Isabella Jaminet
Peyton Martin
Reagan Shike
Temperance Skutt

Country Kids

Jaxson Adams
Kylah Adams

Joy Eliza Ag

Hannah Sell

Kimel

Silas Hays
Kylie Kenney

Saddle Teens

Jocelyn Erickson
Jasmine Frerkes



Federation Recognition

2022-2023 Delegates

Mason Gray
Megan Gray
Ingrid Hays
Jack Jungmann
Kate Jungmann
Luke Jungmann
Caidel Monson
Colton Reid
Muireann Zippe
Ryley Zippe



**Member's
Anniversaries**

First Year Members Pins

Alexis All Stars

Blair Burns
Lindley Burns
Porter Burns
Easton Murdock
Kanin Terwilliger

Country Kids

Kylah Adams
Hayden Olson
Allison Ziegenhorn

Hamlet Handy Helpers

Zachary Icenogle

Joy Eliza Ag

Isabelle Butler
Henna Stevenson
Josiah Stevenson
Natalie Taylor

Kimel

Liberty Abendroth
Azariah Augustine
Avery Boss
Logan Campbell
Haven Dunn
Tatum Dunn
Haddie Fearman
Tylie Fearman
Westin Haun
Rian Mayhew
Meliah Moreford
Jaelynn Smet

Leo Smet
Lucas Struble
Mason Vogt

Peppy Partners

Jayda Hearn
Aysha Sloan

Saddle Teens

Sebastian Huber
Brooklynne Martin
Lily Miller
Tamryn Parker
Colbie Parrish
Abby Atchison

Five Year Member Pins

Alexis All Stars

Temperance Skutt

Joy Eliza Ag

Darrin McKeag

Kimel

Sadie Bonyng
Ella Bull
Maddux Mayhew
Joshua Struble

Peppy Partners

Seth Bennett

Ten Year Member Pins

Megan Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Caidel Monson, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Ryley Zippe, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Desiree Reid, Joy Eliza Ag

4-H Alumni Recognition

Desiree Reid, Joy Eliza Ag
Jack Jungmann, Kimel
Amelia Bennet, Peppy Partners
Ben Bennet, Peppy Partners

4-H Leaders Anniversaries

1 Year Bronze Clover Pin

Stephanie Hampton, Saddle Teens

2 Year

Aleshia Kenney, Kimel
Dee Reeder, 4-H Fair Superintendent
Kelly Weber, Country Kids

3 Year

Gabrielle Lemenager, Mercer County
4-H Foundation
Jenna Preston, Mercer County 4-H Foundation
Brittney Tromblee, 4-H Fair Superintendent

4 Year

Ann Weber, Country Kids
Jason Monson, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Chris Zippe, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Brianna Nelson, Joy Eliza Ag
Katie Erickson, SaddleTeens Cloverbud Club
Jaclyn Frerkes, Saddle Teens Cloverbud Club
Jenna Speer, Teen Federation

5 Year Silver Award Clover

Shannon Brown, Kimel
Kimberly DeBlock, Kimel
Jill Hays, Kimel
Elizabeth Salmon, Kimel

7 Year

Tracy Austin, 4-H Fair Superintendent
Brian Cirks, Mercer County 4-H Foundation
Chris Reid, Joy Eliza Ag, Mercer County 4-H
Foundation

8 Year

Angie Bigham, Mercer County 4-H Foundation
Kathy Gray, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Nikki Holmes, Joy Eliza Ag

9 Year

Drew Johnson, 4-H Beef Committee

10 Year Gold Clover Pin

Jana Baraks, Saddle Teens
Stacey Boruff, Joy Eliza Ag
Phillip Moran, Fishing club

11 Year

Steve Ausmus, 4-H Fair Superintendent
Krystal Jungmann, Kimel, Mercer County
4-H Foundation,
Jim Mayhew, 4-H Fair Superintendent
Sharon Mayhew, 4-H BBQ Committee

12 Year

Robert Cheline, 4-H Fair Superintendent,
Beef Committee
Mike Nelson, 4-H Beef Committee

13 Year

Annette Speer, Federation, Mercer County
4-H Foundation

14 Year

Brenda Close, Hamlet Handy Helpers
Cliff Nesbitt, 4-H Fair Superintendent

17 Year

Todd Line, 4-H Beef Committee
Melanie Neuleib Zimmerman, Saddle Teens,
4-H Horse Bowl Coach

18 Year

Cheryl Hank, 4-H Horse Committee

25 Year Emerald Award Pin

Dawn Bromley, 4-H Horse Committee

27 Year

Becky Zwilling, Kimel

30 Year Ruby Award Pin

Leland & Nan Martin, Mercer County 4-H Horse
Club, Saddle Teens, 4-H Horse Committee,
4-H Fair Superintendents

32 Year

Tammy Bennett, Peppy Partners

33 Year

Rose Northcutt, Mercer County Dog Club

35 Year Sapphire Award Pin

Jayne Johnson, Alexis All Stars
Julie Olson, Alexis All Stars

37 Year

Karen Dellitt, Peppy Partners

38 Year

Lorraine Kinsey, Mercer County Dog Club, 4-H
Horse Committee, 4-H Fair Superintendent

50 Year Ruby Award Pin

Joyce Smith, Saddle Teens, BBQ Committee,
4-H Horse Committee

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you!



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