Wood County 4-H Accomplishments 2026

- Ohio State Teen Leadership Council Wood County Representatives: Grace Miller, Emma Nester, Claire Lampe
- Hands to Larger Service day increased the number of organizations served from 8 to 13 AND received one of three Ohio State Community Service Awards at the annual 4-H Conference in Columbus
- Inaugural 4-H Day at the Fair was initiated and implemented with great success by Educator Amy Michaels with over 200 participants
- Bake-Off connected the art and skill of baking to the fair community for 25 years and raised a new record of $20,662.50
- 25,125 milkshakes were spun at the Wood County Fair and National Tractor Pulling Championships this year for a total of 400,750 milkshakes since 2002
- A value of $7,554 in project books was provided to 4-H members
- The Wood County Alumni and Friends Association introduced a new scholarship opportunity for graduating 4-H teens (2 scholarships for $150 each) to be awarded at the 4-H Member and Volunteer Recognition Spirit Night from funds raised through alumni sponsored social and community events annually
- Introductory "Homeschool Hangout" STEM education day initiated by Educator Amy Michaels
- The Livestock Skill-a-thon was moved to the Pratt Livestock Pavilion to allow for more space for this hands-on educational opportunity
- Teen member Sara Britton was a National 4-H IGNITE program attendee AND Ohio Teen Leadership Camp Wood County representative AND first runner-up Ohio 4-H Sate Achievement Award in the Beef category
- Teen member Grace Miller was one of five Ohio delegates to the National 4-H Conference AND winner of the Ohio 4-H State Achievement Award in Community Service and Civic Engagement category
- Jenny Morlock was nominated and voted to receive the prestigious Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce Athena Award celebrating the potential of all women as valued members and leaders of the community and recognizes those who support them
- Provided funding to 4-H Camp Palmer to replace and refurbish heavily utilized luggage carts for camper use, a porch bench, and Clover Legacy just voted to support an initiative to build a new zip line with a donation of $10,000
- Launched the 4-H Shoebox Diorama Showdown at the Wood County Fair for 4-H members to creatively display a theme honoring Wood County 4-H Camp, the Wood County Fair, their Favorite Holiday Celebration, or Happy Birthday USA 250 Years with great success
- Wood County Fair support included funding in part for the Youth Parade and Farm to Market educational youth activity
- We received $1,000 from the Ohio 4-H Foundation to increase STEM programming in Wood County.
- Teen member Trever Shaffer represented Wood County at the state camp counselor training Making Extreme Counselors (MXC)
- Trained 18 teens to be new 4-H Camp Counselors
- 652 projects were interviewed by 44 volunteer judges and advisors
- Ohio State Fair accomplishments included: 135+ youth participants; 3 Clock Trophies; 19 Outstandings of the Day; multiple champions/placers in the livestock and horse departments in all categories including: show, showmanship, skill-a-thon, and market exhibitor; and the Senior Livestock Judging Team placed second
- 532 Senior Smile gifts were crafted this 4-H season for the Wood County Committee on Aging Meals on Wheels program
- 416 Honor Flight Greetings were gifted to the Flag City Honor Flight for veteran mail bags
- 50 Project Thank You cards were distributed to area first responders as a thank you for their service
- Awarded three Inspire Kids to Do Grants that included a visit to the BGSU Planetarium, senior pen pals, a club attending 4-H Day at the Toledo Mud Hens, and repainting buddy benches at Elmwood School.
- Beef Carcass Educational program had 9 participants with one being new
- Quilt square trail renovation that promotes 4-H was completed
- Invitations to the fair were sent to county school administrators inviting them to see their 4-H students' participation
- First three 4-H members received financial aide for projects through Clover Legacy Project Support Program
- Fair promotion was done in Bowling Green through banner hanging downtown and a table at BG Farmer's Market

Looking ahead to 2027 Milestones...

- **125th year of Ohio 4-H**
- **25th year of hand-dipped milkshakes**
- **10th year of current milkshake barn operation**

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