

2023 Inspire To Do Grants

Final Narrative Summaries

Banners and Beyond

Banners and Beyond hosted a Cattle Clinic in the sheep show arena at the fairgrounds. First, they set up skill-a-thon stations on parts of cattle, meat cuts, feed, breeds, and a Kahoot game. Members were able to practice their skills in these areas. Second, they invited local producers to come talk about animal selection, feeding, and care of their animals. Finally, Montgomery Alexander worked with them on showmanship techniques. Attendees were encouraged to bring their animals to practice in the mock show ring. After attending this event members were better prepared and more comfortable during shows for the fair.

Beaver Creek Boosters

The Barnyard Breakfast sponsored by the Beaver Creek Boosters was a service project truly developed by the 4-H members. After brainstorming ideas, they settled on the idea of providing a healthy breakfast for 4-H fair members on a busy show day. They created flyers advertising the event, developed a list of healthy foods to offer and made a nutritional trivia game for participants. Breakfast was set up at the Champion Barn and the picnic tables by the Pavilion and was enjoyed by many.

Blue Ribbon Rangers

Members of Blue Ribbon Rangers wanted to make an impact by helping others in the community. After contacting the Pemberville Food Pantry, they discovered that the number of families needing assistance has increased significantly. As a result, the club chose to make Birthday Bags to spread joy in their community. The bags included a cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday plates and napkins and a birthday card packaged in a special birthday bag. Members gathered to assemble the bags and deliver them to the food pantry. This project allowed members to see the needs of others and to give their hands to larger service.

Country Roots

Country Roots created a fun and memorable photo backdrop that was installed on the Wood County Fairgrounds near the Junior Fair Building. Members purchased needed equipment and worked with a local printing company to design and create the backdrop. The selfie station was

successfully completed and installed. Club members feel that this was a worthy project to help fairgoers create lifelong memories that will be forever seen through photos.

Dowling Stitch, Stir, and Stock

Dowling Stitch, Stir, and Stock used their grant funds to expand their Senior Smiles community service project. Members painted rocks and made cards to be included in gift bags given to participants of Meals on Wheels. They also added personal items like tissues, pens, hand sanitizer, and puzzle books.

Duke's Mixture

Duke's Mixture considers community service as a key pillar of the 4-H program. This year they used their hands to larger service by painting the goat barn on the Wood County fairgrounds. Members and parents gathered after a regular meeting to paint the barn. The new green paint gives the building a cleaner and more presentable look.

Golden Key

Golden Key members answered the need for "hands to larger service" by painting the Sheep Show Arena on the Wood County fairgrounds. They collaborated with the senior fairboard to plan their project. They were very proud of their accomplishment and pleased to see the various events that took place in the freshly painted sheep arena at the 150th celebration of the Wood County Fair.

Farmcrafters

Farmcrafters used their grant funds for 2 projects this year. First, they made pillows for Promedica Hospice Care. Second, they cleaned gravestones at Chapel Cemetery. These were both worthy projects that benefited their community.

Klassy Kids

The Inspire To Do Grant funded the Klassy Kids "Hands for Larger Service Day". The morning was spent planting flowers and laying mulch at the community flower beds in the village of North Baltimore. Remaining flowers were used to brighten up some of the areas around the Wood County fairgrounds. The afternoon was spent creating over 200 magnets for the Senior Smiles project.

Livestock Unlimited

Livestock Unlimited decided to focus on the 4th “H” (Health) by providing encouragement and support during the very busy 4-H summer season. They assembled and distributed healthy treat bags to members and judges during judging days. Treat bags also included tips for staying healthy and promoting mental wellness while maintaining a hectic summer schedule.

Perry Go Getters

The members of Perry Go Getters supported the Wood County Senior Fairboard by enhancing the entry to the Administration building. They cleaned the hallways, updated the EMS and Fire district map display, made wooden sign boards, and planted flowers in preparation for the Wood County Fair. The sign boards were used to display posters celebrating the 150th anniversary of the fair in front of each barn.