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BATH ROTARIANS HONOR HANDS, HEART, HEAD, AND HEALTH

The Bath Rotary Club recently supported the Steuben County 4-H program by donating \$500.00 toward the prizes for the 4-H youth who exhibited their animals at this summer's Steuben County Fair, the oldest county fair in the U. S.

4-H Clubs, whose motto is "To Make the Best Better", are organized groups of boys and girls, ages 8 – 18 as regular members of clubs, and youth ages 5 – 7, as Cloverbud members. They are supported by adult, volunteer leaders. The clubs, which conduct meetings and activities in one or more project areas throughout the year, provide their members the opportunities for leadership, citizenship, and public speaking. Nationally, over six million youth belong to 4-H. Steuben County, in which Bath is located, offers local and countywide clubs, after-school 4-H opportunities, connections to 4-H camps, and statewide 4-H activities.

The local Rotary Club provided prize money for five herdsmanship awards and five showmanship awards in the following categories: horse, goat, cavy, swine, and lamb. The herdsmanship awards recognized how well the youths maintained their animals' quarters during the fair, and the showmanship awards recognized how well the youth presented their animals to the judges, including the ability to answer questions about their respective species. These awards help the youth learn responsibility for caring for their animals as well as learning public speaking skills.

"The Bath Rotary Club sponsored more awards for the Steuben County 4-H youth at the 2021 Steuben County Fair compared to all other organizations," stated Tess McKinley, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Steuben and a Bath Rotarian, herself. "The award winners, as well as the entire Steuben County 4-H program, greatly appreciate the support of the Bath Rotary Club."

Anyone interested in joining the Bath Rotary Club or seeking more information about Rotary should contact Amanda Chafee, President, at: achafee@gmail.com or view the club's website at: www.bathnyrotary.org.