Nebraska Extension is home to 4-H, where youth are four times more likely to give back to their communities. Cherry County 4-H Quilts of Valor awarded 14 quilts to Veterans and shared their stories.

Words from a WWII Veteran after receiving a quilt from 13-year-old Christen Larson: “Thank you for the beautiful quilt you sent me. I am numb with the thoughts of how many hours you spent making such a piece of art. This special gift seems to bind our two families together. I consider your special gift as my most prized possession. I have a feeling you have great things ahead of you in your life. Your work and sharing leads me to believe that America is still going to be like it was in years past. I will always remember my greatest birthday (100) and my most precious gift.” - Leroy Good

Programs At-A-Glance

• 30 Cherry County citizens participated in Private Pesticide Application Certification and were presented with beef production information from Extension Beef Educators.

• Despite COVID-19, 4-H static entries increased by 118 at the Cherry Co. Fair and sales in the virtual livestock auction averaged $332.34 per head higher than 2019’s in-person sale.

76% of eligible youth were reached through Cherry County 4-H programming, despite COVID-19 challenges.

347 Cherry Co. youth were taught the value of high quality, protein beef animals through a UNL Beef Lab.

70% of Summit Leadership youth increased belief that they have important leadership roles in communities.